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Impeachment TRO bid fails

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has denied Sen. Paul Manglona (D-Rota) and a local taxpayer's motion to intervene in Gov. Ralph DLG Torres's lawsuit against the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, rendering moot the temporary restraining order they had sought to prohibit Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) from proceedings with the vote on Torres' motion to dismiss the Articles of Impeachment today. **See TRO on Page 4**



Bellas

'House violations render impeachment null, void'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' lawyer claims the House of Representatives committed several violation of such nature that even just one of them should already be enough to render the Articles of Impeachment null and void.

Torres' lawyer, Anthony Aguon, made the argument during Tuesday's hearing on Torres' motion to dismiss the Article of Impeachment against him, adding that these violations by the House should prompt the Senate to grant the motion to dismiss.

Aguon said the House com-

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Poll: Most in US still want masks for travelers

FARGO, N.D. (AP)—A majority of people in the United States continue to support a mask requirement for people traveling on airplanes and other shared transportation, a poll finds. A ruling by a federal judge has put the government's transportation mask mandate on hold.

The poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center

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CORRESPONDENT

MVP winners share prizes worth \$40K-plus

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers handed out more than \$40,000 in prizes to the winners of the

different contest categories in the 2021 Marianas Village Pride campaign during the announcement of winners

yesterday afternoon at the Sugar King Park amphitheater in Garapan. Representatives of the

GCEA, which organized the campaign, named the MVP winners in the categories of MVP Christmas Decorat-

ing Contest, MVP Village Flag Art Contest, and MVP Bus Stop Beautification Contest, and recognized the

participants of the Adopt-A-Median Program. The occasion was attended by public school representatives, students, parents, elected officials, government and non-government agencies.

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The student contest winners, school contest winners, and businesses that were recognized pose for a group photo with the Government Council of Economic Advisors and sponsors after the Marianas Village Pride Award Ceremony at the Sugar King Amphitheater in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

LEIGH GASES

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Local

Pregnant inmate asks court for compassionate release

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 CORRESPONDENT

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has agreed to hear the petition of a pregnant woman who has asked to be released from prison early as she is due to give birth soon.

Manglona scheduled to hear the petition of Vickilyn Manglona Teregeyo on April 27, Wednesday.

Teregeyo, who is eight months pregnant, asked the court through her lawyer, Richard Miller, last Monday for compassionate release and for her sentence to be modified to home confinement.

Manglona's order states that the court will respond to Teregeyo's motion for compassionate release on shortened time, meaning it will be heard promptly by the judge no later than next Monday, April 25, and Teregeyo may reply by April 26. The court will then hear Teregeyo's requests on Wednesday, April 27.

Currently, Teregeyo is serving a three-month prison sentence in the CNMI Department of Corrections. The sentence was imposed last March 25. Teregeyo's lawyer asked for her compassionate release, saying there is "no nursery or

mother-infant program, such as the one the [federal] Bureau of Prisons provides its expecting inmates. Without compassionate release, Vickilyn will be separated from her newborn almost immediately after she gives birth, and mother and newborn will have no contact during the first several weeks of the newborn's life."

Teregeyo requests that she be released no later than May 1, 2022, "to provide for the possibility she may go into labor early" and requests that "she be permitted to serve her three months' home confinement starting May 1 and to report back to DOC on Aug. 1 to serve the remainder of her prison sentence."

If released, she would serve her home confinement and live with her companion and the father of the child, Raymond Roberto, under electronic home monitoring by the Office of Adult Probation. "The office has already inspected Mr. Roberto's home and determined that it is suitable," said Miller.

Saipan Tribune archives state that Teregeyo was convicted in Guam for the offense of drug user in possession of a firearm and ammunition, but was allowed by the federal court system to serve her probation—later revoked—in the CNMI.

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Che selected for the 2022 batch of Obama Foundation Leaders Asia-Pacific program

Jacqueline Che, who is the director of Internal Control & Evaluation for Federal Programs at the CNMI Public School System, has been selected as one of 35 emerging leaders to participate in the 2022 cohort of the Obama Foundation Leaders Asia-Pacific program.

Che will join Samantha Birmingham-Babauta and Rep. Sheila Babauta as members of this growing network. Both were selected in 2019 as part of the inaugural cohort of 200 leaders.

According to the Obama Foundation, "the program will train participants in leadership development and community and civic engagement to help build their skills and scale their work across public, private, and nonprofit sectors. This year's cohort represents 23 nations and territories across the region."

Obama leaders tackle a broad range of issues. Che will be focused on education and economic access, job creation, entrepreneurship, and poverty reduction.



Che

In the biography that Che submitted to the Obama Foundation, she said, "It is not enough to be compassionate. We must act."

Upon graduation, Che returned to Saipan to serve as the CNMI Scholarship administrator. She then took a position at Northern Marianas College,

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Road closure for Quartermaster Road and Beach Road

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Temporary road closures

are scheduled to take place beginning Friday, April 22, through Tuesday, June 07, 2022.

Motorists traveling on Beach Road during the scheduled time of construction are advised to be mindful of delays, exercise caution, and safely follow the instructions of the flag personnel present. **(PR)**

POLL

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for Public Affairs Research finds that despite opposition to that requirement that included verbal abuse and physical violence against flight attendants, 56% of those surveyed favor requiring people on planes, trains and public transportation to wear masks, compared with 24% opposed and 20% who say they are neither in favor nor opposed.

Interviews for the poll were conducted last Thursday to Monday, shortly before a federal judge in Florida struck down the national mask mandate on airplanes and mass transit. Airlines and airports immediately scrapped their requirements that passengers wear face coverings, and the Transportation Security Administration stopped enforcing the mask requirement.

But the Justice Department said Wednesday it was filing an appeal seeking to overturn the judge's order. That notice came minutes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asked Justice to appeal the decision, saying "an order requiring masking in the indoor transportation corridor remains necessary for the public health."

The poll shows a wide partisan divide on the issue. Among Democrats, 80% favor and just 5% oppose the requirement. Among Republicans, 45% are opposed compared with 33% in favor, with 22% saying neither.

Vicki Pettus, who recently moved from Frankfort, Kentucky, to Clearwater, Florida, to be near her grandchildren, said she enjoys the view of Old Tampa Bay but doesn't like the "very lackadaisical attitude" by Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, about masking. She said she will continue to wear her mask to protect

against the coronavirus, including around her 55-and-older home community and on the plane when she travels to Kentucky in a few weeks.

"Especially in a plane where that air is recirculating," said Pettus, 71, an independent who leans toward the Democratic Party. "I think people are really dumb not to wear their mask. But, hey, that's their decision, and if they want to get sick that's fine. I'm not going to."

But Kriste Lee, who works in sales in South Florida, can't wait to fly mask-free the next time she travels next month.

"I really wish I was on a plane when they made that announcement," said Lee, 47. "I would have been dancing up and down the aisle."

The continued public support overall for mandating masks on transportation comes even as worries about COVID-19 are among their lowest points of the past two years. Just 20% now say they're very or extremely worried that they or a family member will be infected. That's down slightly since 25% said the same just a month ago and from 36% in December and January as the omicron variant was raging. Another 33% now say they are somewhat worried, while 48% say they're not worried at all.

Count Betty Harp, of Leitchfield, Kentucky, as among the "very worried" and not because she's turning 84 next month. She said she takes care of her large house and yard by herself, does a lot of canning and is in "fantastic health for my age." But she's lost a lot of friends and family to the virus, which has killed nearly 1 million people in the United States.

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CHE

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before landing her current position at PSS. Che says her new role at PSS aligns with her goal to increase opportunities for college access and representation of Asian American-Pacific Islander students in higher education.

In an email interview with

Che, she stated that "advancing equity and access to education and livelihood opportunities, and advocating inclusion for the underserved has been a common thread in my leadership journey."

Having worked in education for some time, Che says she takes advantage of her networks "to make a humanitarian social impact [on] the islands." **(Leigh Gases)**

MHS Drama Club presents comedy

The MHS Drama Club, Troup 5374, will be presenting a fanciful comedy based on the Harry Potter book series by J. K. Rowling, this Friday, April 22, with two performances at 5pm and 7pm. Come and enjoy. Tickets are available at MHS Room D102

MVP

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MVP was launched in October last year as a means to "inspire students and residents to show pride in where they live by taking part in fun beautification activities."

A total of 24 participating groups were recognized for the Adopt-a-Median project, which had schools, residents, organizations, and businesses helping make streets, sidewalks, and crosswalks in their villages safer for pedestrians and motorists by painting them for better visibility.

There were four winners in the Christmas Decorating Contest, which invited the commu-

HOUSE

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mitted the violations in an effort to speedily pass the Articles of Impeachment. "Members of the Senate, any one of these violations render the Articles of Impeachment null and void, and justify their dismissal in their entirety. All the Articles of Impeachment lodged against Gov. Torres repeatedly break the law and any one of these violations—and to be clear, they are not technicalities, they are direct violations of the law—any one of them justifies

or at the door on the night of the play.

From the original playbill: *Puffs*, or *Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic* is a 2015 original play by New York-based playwright Matt Cox. The play is a comedic retelling of the Harry Potter book series by J. K. Row-

nity to make the Marianas festive and beautiful last holiday season by cleaning, beautifying, and decorating their homes, schools, community centers or basketball courts, village entrances, and businesses.

The "Most Festive School" was won by Kagman Elementary School, which received sports equipment valued at \$1,000 from All-Star Sporting Goods.

The category for "Most Festive Home" was won by Laila Macaranas from Tinian who received ACE Hardware store credit valued at \$1,000.

The category for "Most Festive Business" was won by Savory Bistro Café, which received Pacific Rainbow store credit valued at \$1,000.

dismissal of the articles in their entirety," he said.

In addition, Aguon said the House did not properly oppose any of the violations argued by Torres' counsels.

"They have failed to make any proper arguments against this motion to dismiss. All my arguments are unopposed, and it is obvious why. Because the House knows that they failed to follow their own rules then, and that they are failing to follow the Senate rules now," Aguon said.

One of the biggest violations allegedly made was the House

tion," Bellas said.

Because the motion to intervene was denied, the motion for a temporary restraining order was deemed moot.

With that, Manglona said in a statement last night that he and other taxpayers are looking into filing a taxpayer lawsuit in the event the Articles of Impeachment are dismissed.

"Unfortunately, our TRO in an existing case with Judge Timothy Bellas did not go through. We'll be discussing our next option with various people, including generous lawyer friends, who are, like us, concerned about our people getting a fair and impartial impeachment hearing. We are looking at filing a taxpayer lawsuit. All the people are asking for justice. No matter how popular a governor is, whether he won by a slim margin or a landslide, he, along with everyone else is not above the law," Manglona said.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the governor's motion to dismiss the Articles of Im-

ing, but from the perspective of the "Puffs". The play premiered at The People's Improv Theater on Dec. 3, 2015. It moved to the Off-Broadway theater New World Stages in 2016. The show has been praised for its comedy and staging. It was nominated for the Off-Broadway Alliance Award for "Best Unique Theatrical Experience"

The "Most Festive Village" was won by the Tinian Mayor's Office, which will receive village basketball court improvements valued at \$1,000.

There were two category of winners for the "Bus Stop Beautification Contest." The "Top School" was won by Marianas High School, which received \$1,000 worth of sports equipment from All-Star Sporting Goods. The "Top Business" was won by Bistro Boyz, Tyler's Gelatte Stone, and Smoked Out, which each won ACE Hardware store credit valued at \$1,000.

This contest invited all groups, organizations, and businesses to adopt a bus stop in their villages. The campaign aimed to beautify more

Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations's investigation essentially serving as a grand jury in the impeachment process, which violates the constitution's separation of powers clause.

"The JGO investigations illegally encroached on a number of subject matters that were assigned to other standing committees. For example, the JGO illegally spent an enormous amount of time investigating the governor's use of public utilities, which are subject within the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities, Transportation, and

peachment today.

Bellas explained that the movants, in support of their motion to intervene and related motions, cited Rule 24 of the CNMI Rule of Civil Procedure, which governs intervention of a party as either a permissive right to intervene or as a matter of right. However, the motions do not contain any factual evidence that supports intervention, he said.

Bellas cited as an example that there is no statute cited that authorizes either a "conditional" or "unconditional" right to intervene.

"One of the movants is a sitting senator of the CNMI Senate, and, as such, the motions seem to suggest that the basis of the intervention is based on the language in Rule 24 which reads: 'On timely motion, the court may permit a federal or state governmental officer or agency, a governmental officer or agency of a territory subject to United States jurisdiction, or a governmental officer or

in 2017. **(PR)**

JKPL closes at 12:30pm tomorrow

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will close at 12:30pm on April 23, 2022, due to JKPL's 5K Literacy Fun Run/Walk event. JKPL will resume normal library hours on Tuesday, April 29, 2022. **(PR)**

than 20 bus stops on Saipan, four on Rota, and two to three on Tinian.

There were 29 winners for the "Village Flag Art Contest." Twenty-three winners were students from Marianas High School and six winners were students from Tanapag Middle School. Middle and high school students throughout the Marianas were invited to use their artistic talents to inspire the design of their villages' flags. This contest asked students to illustrate what makes their villages special, unique, and wonderful places to live.

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Communications Committee. The JGO also spent a significant amount of time investigating the governor's reimbursements for expenditures. These are subjects within the jurisdiction of Ways and Means. I must also mention here that the JGO's investigation essentially had the same function as the grand jury, which is not only illegal, but in direct violation of the separation of powers of our Constitution," he said.

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agency of the Commonwealth to intervene if a party's claim or defense is based on: a statute or executive order administered by the officer or agency; or any regulation, order, requirement, or agreement issued or made under the statute or executive order," he said.

However, aside from meeting the requirement that one of the movants is a CNMI government officer, there is nothing in the motions that indicate that either the governor's claim or the JGO's defense is based on a statute administered by the movant.

Also, Bellas noted that the motions request injunctive relief against the Senate and the Senate president but they are not parties in the action taken by Torres against the JGO, so relief is beyond the court's jurisdiction.

Bellas also added that to allow intervention based on the motions would unnecessarily delay the initial lawsuit in which Manglona wishes to intervene.

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AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission hereby gives notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan. However, pursuant to Governor Torres' Executive Orders and Directives on the ongoing threat from the COVID-19 pandemic and limited space available, access to the Commission's meeting will also be available via video conference.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes: March 30, 2022

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS:

- Report by the Chairman
- Report by the Executive Director

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

- Casino Licensee – Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC ("IPI") – Status Updates:
 - Removal of Tower Cranes #1 and #5 at IPR
 - Employee Payroll and Related Benefits Obligations
 - Unpaid payroll & severance pay for employees already off-island
 - 2020 & 2021 Annual Exclusive Casino License Fees. Due Aug 12th each year
 - 2020 & 2021 Annual Casino Regulatory Fees. Due Oct 1st each year
- Other Miscellaneous Matters.
 - IPI CNMI's FINAL Annual Audit Report (for the year ended December 31, 2020)
 - IPI's Notice of Appeal, Civil Case No. 21-0173
 - IPIH Corporate Substantial Shareholder Notice, March 31, 2022
 - IPIH Suspension of Trading in shares of the company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, April 1, 2022

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- CCC Order Continuing Evidentiary Hearing: May 3-4, 2022 - Complaints #2021-001 through #2021-005

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers for the Commonwealth Casino Commission: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Affairs/Media Relations (Term of Office: May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023).
- Scheduling of Future Calendar Year 2022 CCC Meetings

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Consult with Legal Counsel
- Report by the CCC Divisions
- CCC Personnel Matters

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission reserves the right to amend this agenda and take action on the amended agenda pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (b). Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912 (a)(7) and 1 CMC §9912 (c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting, if necessary. For those interested in joining or attending the meeting via video conference, please contact the Commission at info@cnmicasinocommission.com for instructions on how to log-in to the conference site.

Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero
Chairman

CNMI strengthens relationship with Guam EPA, build capacity



CNMI OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The CNMI Office of Planning and Development's Solid Waste team connects with OPD Broadband lead Peter Dresslar, third from left, and OPD director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, first from right, during the team's trip to Guam earlier this month. A recent addition to the team, Dresslar will be supporting planning efforts to ensure that all CNMI residents have affordable internet access by 2030.

Representatives of the CNMI Interisland Solid Waste Management Task Force, including staff from the Office of Planning and Development, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Department of Public Works, were in Guam from April 3 to 10 to share information with the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and to learn more about Guam's sustainability efforts.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Language Teacher –

Mandarin Language and Culture: Master's degree in Education and experience with K-12 students required. Teaches school pupils academic and social skills for intermediate and advanced Mandarin classes in a private educational system. Teaches elementary, middle, and secondary Chinese language. Experience with inquiry and ACTFL standards is a plus. Send resume to Saipan International School, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 503121

Led by Guam EPA Solid Waste program manager Glenn San Nicolas, OPD, BECQ, and DPW learned more about Guam EPA's rules and regulations and toured various solid waste sites in Guam to support "zero waste" planning and project implementation initiatives underway in the CNMI. Later in the week, CNMI staff attended the 2022 University of Guam Conference on Island Sustainability, which featured many guest panels and sessions focused on sustainability, the environment, and more.

The lessons learned during the trip are very important to support the solid waste planning and management work that the ISWMT is currently supporting. For example, learning more about Guam EPA's rules and regulations provided BECQ with policies and strategies they could consider implementing into their own rules and regulations. For OPD and DPW, learning more

about Guam's solid waste sites will help guide solid waste coordinators with their current and future planning and implementation work, which includes supporting long-term waste management strategies and facilitating action items such as writing grants and coordinating trainings for staff and CNMI community members to achieve "zero waste" and waste diversion objectives, related to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

As detailed in the CNMI's first Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan, objectives under SDG# 12 include developing an integrated waste management plan by 2025 and diverting at least 50% of the CNMI's recyclable waste away from CNMI landfills. The diverted waste will then be composted, reused, or sold to support sustainable waste management systems.

More details about the SDGs are in the Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan found here: https://opd.gov.mp/assets/2021-2030_cnmi_csdp.pdf.

The Guam trip was made possible through Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act funding administered by the U.S. EPA. Since Super Typhoon Yutu severely impacted CNMI's waste management streams and infrastructure in 2018, EPA has funded and supported effective hazardous and solid waste management and capacity building efforts in the CNMI.

Quarterly task forces meeting set for April 26

On April 26 OPD will be hosting the next quarterly Planning Task Forces meeting. OPD and other task force partners will be providing planning and project implementation updates. To learn more or RSVP to attend, contact planning@opd.gov.mp.

The meeting will feature highlights of federal funding opportunities through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and CNMI priorities that were discussed at the Office of Insular Affairs' Territorial Infrastructure and Climate Conference at the end of March. OPD and planning partners will share information and request feedback relevant to "Zero Waste" in addition to other sustainability goals and objectives of the CNMI's CSDP.

Those seeking to learn more about ongoing projects and other current events can visit the OPD website at opd.gov.mp and can email planning@opd.gov.mp. (PR)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MANUEL JOSE ALVAREZ :
(NAME OF FATHER) :
HELIO MANUEL SHAO : FCD PA
(NAME OF CHILD) : CIVIL ACTION
PLAINTIFFS : NO. 22-0130
VS. : SUMMONS FOR
PUBLICATION
YANQIN SHAO :
(NAME OF MOTHER) :
DEFENDANT :

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:
YANQIN SHAO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff whose address is Box 10003 PMB 86, Garapan Saipan as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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For more information, please contact the DEQ Air Program at 670-664-8516 or email deq.air@becq.gov.mp





COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL CUC-RAESP-22-019

A&E Design Services and Construction Management and Project Inspection the for Agag Booster Pump and Electrical System Upgrade (W21-081)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for the Design Services and Construction Management and Project Inspection of the Agag Booster Pump and Electrical System Upgrade in Papago Drive, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RAESP-22-019, A&E Design Services and Construction Management and Project Inspection for Agag Booster Pump and Electrical System Upgrade”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2022. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Consultant's preparation of a proposal under the contract. The RAESP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the statement of qualifications under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Consultants are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 22, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater, Acting Chief Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org; Dennis Formalejo, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior – via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

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INVITATION TO BID CUC-IFB-22-025

SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-22-025, Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicles and Heavy Equipment”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 2:00 PM (ChST, Saipan Time) on April 28, 2022. Late submissions of Bids will not be considered.**

This Invitation for bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of Bid in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. All responses to this Invitation for bids should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the Proponent, awarded a contract.

All Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the Bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a Bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST, Saipan Time) on April 20, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Administrative Technician, Senior at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

SCA temporarily relocates dogs

By LEIGH GASES
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CORRESPONDENT

About 30 dogs from the Saipan Cares for Animals shelter in As Gonno have been temporarily relocated to the Saipan Mayor's Office's animal shelter in As Perdido, while SCA builds a permanent shelter for them at a new site in As Lito.

According to SCA director Beth Pliscou, employees of the Mayor's Animal Shelter and SCA volunteers cleared out the remaining dogs from the SCA shelter last Monday. She said the dogs were transported to the shelter right after the Easter weekend. “Everything's moving really well,” she added.

The SCA dogs are in the new kennels of the newly built shelter where the SCA volunteers can go to feed and care for them daily until they are all adopted out. Aileen Garcia, an SCA shelter manager, was

seen at the Mayor's Animal Shelter last Wednesday and she said she “feeds, takes [the dogs] for a walk, plays with them, socializes them, loves, and bathes them.”

As for the dogs that the Mayor's Dog Control Program picks up, they are placed inside the old shelter right next to the new shelter.

Henry S. Hofschneider, special assistant to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, said this arrangement will allow SCA to have a temporary site to keep its dogs. “It's a way for us to support whatever Saipan Cares for Animals is doing. They are doing a wonderful job.” Hofschneider added that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. finally connected the waterline to the facility just last week, which is perfect timing for the relocation of the dogs.

Pliscou said the As Gonno shelter has to be fully vacated

by the end of this month and that a construction crew has already volunteered to tear down that shelter's kennels.

As for SCA's proposed new site, Pliscou said the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Saipan Mayor's Office will remove the trash from the new property in As Lito and that some people have already volunteered to help clear the land. From then, the new kennels and shelter can be built.

The SCA dogs will be able to stay at the Mayor's Animal Shelter for up to six months, which Pliscou says is enough time to either have the dogs all adopted out or the new shelter will be built by then, whichever comes first.

If you are interested in adopting or fostering any of the dogs at the shelter, visit the Mayor's Animal Shelter in As Perdido, which is open weekdays from 9am to 4pm.

Water service interruptions set

There will be multiple scheduled water service interruptions between April 21-30, 2022 from 8am to 4:30pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in China Town, Sugar King Estate, Upper MIHA, and As Falape Areas.

The scheduled water service

interruptions are needed in order for CUC's contractor to abandon the old asbestos concrete pipes and reconnect customers to the newly installed water main.

The China Town Waterline Replacement Project will provide a more reliable water system to the people of the

CNMI. The project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The newly installed distribution line will be commissioned after passing the required testing and disinfection procedures. Expect water disruptions during the transition phase from the old water system to the newly installed PVC waterline. **(PR)**

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ONE (1) TRANSMITTER SUPERVISOR

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Masks are no longer mandatory on public transit, but they can still help reduce COVID's spread. Choose wisely

Americans could scarcely be blamed for feeling confused about whether or not to wear a mask right now. A week ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention extended into May a nationwide mask mandate for travel on airplanes, trains, buses and other forms of public transportation. Then on Monday, a federal judge in Florida struck it down.

Meanwhile, some local governments and private employers are reasserting mask mandates in response to rising COVID-19 transmission rates because of virus variants. In Baltimore, that includes Johns Hopkins University, where earlier this month, school officials reinstituted a mask requirement in common areas, in addition to an existing requirement in classrooms, in response to a spike in cases. And in Philadelphia, a mask mandate went into effect Monday that extends to all public indoor spaces—except on public transit because of Florida Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle's recent ruling. That means transit workers in the City of Brotherly Love don't have to wear masks in vehicles or stations, no matter how tightly packed, but if they walk into their office, eat at a restaurant or shop in a store, no matter how empty, they have to put one on.

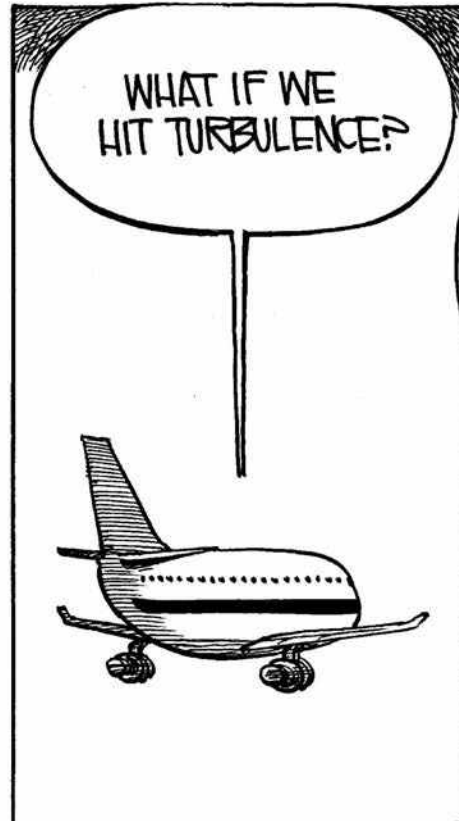
Historians will one day look back at the COVID pandemic and devote whole chapters to this nation's love-hate relationship with masks. Whatever uncertainty about what public health protections should be required at which stage of an outbreak, there's simply no question that politics, disinformation and mixed messaging have made matters far worse than they needed to be.

Judge Mizelle is part of the problem, arguing against the federal mask mandate in her ruling by claiming that wearing one "cleans nothing." Who ever said it did? "At most," she continued, [the mask] "traps virus droplets. But it neither 'sanitizes' the person wearing the mask nor 'sanitizes' the conveyance."

That's exactly the point: It traps virus droplets, either yours inside your mask or someone else's outside your mask. If you ask us, she's made the case for continuing the mandate, not dropping it. And we haven't even raised the issue yet of her having been deemed unqualified for the judiciary by the American Bar Association after President Donald Trump appointed her to a lifetime role in 2020—a point at which her only trial experience was as an intern. But we digress.

While we find Judge Mizelle's argument unconvincing—and ill-timed given the latitude the CDC and other public health agencies have been granted in the past and the current uptick in positivity rates—Americans still have the option of acting responsibly, preferably while well-in-

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MIKE NITZ LAS VEGAS SUN 2022
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A million American lives lost to the pandemic deserve to be remembered

In just a few short weeks, the United States is likely to reach an unfathomable milestone in terms of numbers: 1 million lives lost to the coronavirus pandemic.

The first death in the United States took place on Feb. 6, 2020. At current rates, we will have lost 1 million Americans in the 114 weeks, or 26 months, since the pandemic first hit our shores. In 2020 the U.S. population was 331 million. That means 1 in every 331 Americans is no longer with us.

As of March, more than 200,000 U.S. children have lost a parent, grandparent or caregiver to the pandemic, according to the COVID Collaborative website. The virus is now the third leading cause of death in the U.S., after only heart disease and cancer. These numbers are dizzying and truly difficult to comprehend. This level of loss is almost unfathomable.

So how can we as Americans comprehend the devastating loss of 1 million of our fellow citizens? We can start by telling 1 million individual stories.

We have the immense work to do of remembering and mourning all those individuals. That work can begin with storytelling.

In 1988, I found myself walking along the National Mall in Washington. I gazed at some of the 8,288 assembled panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which were displayed on the Ellipse in front of the White House. To this day, I remember being moved to tears as I studied the quilt blocks.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt was conceived by Cleve Jones in 1985. Jones and other volunteers hoped to create a memorial for those who had died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and to thereby help people understand the devastating impact of the disease by sharing each individual's story. Today, the AIDS Memorial Quilt weighs 54 tons and includes nearly 50,000 panels dedicated to more than 110,000 individuals.

Back in 1988, I had not yet had any personal experience with anyone who had contracted HIV or who had been diagnosed with AIDS. The quilt squares helped me bridge the abstract numbers to connect with the lives of individuals.

If a quilt were to be made for the 1 million lives lost to the coronavirus, the quilt would weigh 486 tons. Here are a couple of ways that people are sharing the stories of their loved ones who fell victim to the coronavirus pandemic.

By **LYNN SCHMIDT**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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A sea of white flags, with each flag representing one person who has died from the virus in the United States, were planted in the National Mall. Many of the flags featured handwritten names and dedications to lost loved ones. The memorial, titled "In America: Remember," was the work of Maryland artist Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg.

"We are recapturing the human dignity of each one of these people who have been compressed and ... reduced to numbers," Firstenberg said, during the opening ceremony in September. Photos of the memorial, including images of individual flags, can still be viewed online at inamericaflags.org. The website includes a Lost Loved Ones interactive map. Unfortunately, time has passed to submit flag dedications for the National Mall exhibit, but friends and family members are still encouraged to complete a form with a photo and a dedication to be placed on the interactive map, which is continuously updated.

Another option is to follow @FacesOfCovid on Twitter, where people share stories of those lost to the coronavirus. "They were more than a statistic," the Twitter site states. Each day, there are several new tweets with stories and photos.

We can also start by talking to one another. Ask each other whether they know someone who died. Listen to their story.

Social scientists who study grief say that memorials are crucial elements to the grieving process. Memorials serve as a way to tell one's story, benefiting not only the victims' families but also the surrounding community so people can understand the human toll of a mass tragedy like this pandemic. These stories can force us to face this tragedy in a way numbers alone cannot do.

Let us remember the individuals and not just the number.

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Confused about the second COVID booster? So are some of the experts

Vaccine resisters have accused the federal government of pushing COVID-19 shots without ensuring that the benefits outweigh the risks. But what about when one of the people raising questions about the latest round of jabs is Paul A. Offit, arguably the most prominent supporter of vaccines in the nation, a vocal force against people who spread silly myths about vaccination and himself the developer of a vaccine against rotavirus.

Well, then you listen more closely.

Offit has concerns about additional boosters. Other prominent vaccine experts have been raising questions too, including Phil Krause, a former deputy director of the FDA Office of Vaccines Research and Review, and Luciana Borio, formerly the agency's acting chief scientist, who co-wrote an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* titled "You Likely Don't Need a Fourth Covid Shot." Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, said waning immunity makes repeated boosting unsustainable.

They are not against inoculations for COVID-19. Quite the opposite. The science is clear that the vaccine is remarkably effective at preventing hospitalization and death from a virus that has killed nearly 1 million Americans.

Offit says a second booster is probably a good idea for the most vulnerable people—those of very advanced age, with compromised immunity or co-morbidities such as diabetes. But he says the government has made the fourth dose available to large swaths of the population who don't need it. (Notably, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention didn't call for people to get the fourth dose; instead, it said that people 50 and older and those with health problems are allowed to receive it, and suggested they consult their doctors.)

Talking to a doctor is a good idea, Offit said, but this time around even doctors' knowledge is limited because neither the Food and Drug Administration advisory committee—of which

he's a member—nor the equivalent at the CDC met in a public session to consider the second booster. Though the panel is advisory, the usual process of reviewing evidence, examining data, discussing the pros and cons of expanding use of a vaccine or other medication helps inform the public.

What was the rush? Hospitalization and infection rates continue to be low, though the latter have been rising again.

Some experts say the evidence for additional COVID-19 booster shots in a healthy population is weak. A new study out of Israel, where fourth doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine were widely administered, found that they resulted in additional antibodies but provided little protection against infection and waned quickly. Cases of severe illness were down, but scientists on both sides of the issue say there were methodological problems with the study and the results were reported too soon to evaluate whether that group received better long-term protection against serious disease than people who received just a third dose.

Much of the public still is confused about what protection means, and for good reason. When people hear that a vaccine's protection wanes quickly, they think it no longer is effective. But a vaccine against this disease was unlikely to prevent actual infection for long, Offit told me. That's because the nature of coronaviruses is that they move quickly, which means infection can be prevented only by antibodies in the bloodstream. Vaccines prompt the body to make those antibodies before infection can take hold, but their ability to do that falls off after a few months.

Vaccines are much better at providing lasting protection against serious disease. That's not a weaker version of protection from infection; it's a different process that employs memory cells that work more slowly than antibodies already in the bloodstream. Offit says these cells might last years; it's not known exactly how long.

There's no evidence, he says, that healthy young people needed anything beyond the two initial shots. People older than 65 and in good health appear to benefit from a booster, but he says there's no clear evidence they need a second booster. But those with compromised immune systems or co-morbidities or the elderly suffering various health problems probably do need the ad-

By **KARIN KLEIN**
Los Angeles Times



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ditional dose, Offit said.

From Offit's perspective, as long as the vaccines protect against severe disease, no more is needed except for those whose immune systems cannot mount a strong defense. Otherwise, we're looking at vaccinating huge portions of the population every few months for minor illness. We don't do that for any other disease.

Not only is it wasteful—those doses could do a lot more good for people in other countries who haven't been able to get a first shot—but it's potentially counterproductive. As safe as the vaccines are, they do result in significant if temporary side effects for more than a few people and, in very rare cases, serious side effects. That tiny chance of having a bad reaction is more than worth it when the payoff is preventing serious disease, but not if an extra booster isn't giving additional long-term protection.

Other scientists agree with the FDA and CDC decisions. The FDA is saying an additional dose might be needed in the fall. The agency said it didn't need its advisory committees to weigh in because the issue was straightforward; the CDC told CNBC that this was just an "incremental change." It's not certain at this point what the right path forward is now or will be, and there may be new COVID-19 variants in coming months—ones that call for more vaccination or different vaccines. But Offit raises worthwhile concerns that should be part of the federal government's considerations.

The CDC has much of the raw data needed to understand vaccine protection better. The medical world, policy makers and the public could benefit from having that information to make decisions about this and future boosters.

MASKS

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formed. The CDC still recommends that "people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time," and we concur.

Wearing a mask makes it less likely that the user will either contract or spread the COVID virus. Indeed, the science on this is well-established. Masks are useful in reducing the spread of any airborne pathogen. That's why you don't see surgeons in the operating room telling co-workers that they intend to remove their masks because, "hey, the patient may be in a vulnerable position but my mouth and nose are getting hot." And let's remember that COVID-19 isn't like other viruses. It has killed more than 1 million Americans (including more than 14,400 Marylanders) to date. Even if the latest variants are proving less deadly and more people are vaccinated than before, the risks of "long" COVID-19 on health should not be ignored.

So here's what experts counsel on masks: If you wear a well-fitted mask, preferably an N-95, and follow other good practices, such as social distancing, hand washing and self-testing when appropriate, you are far less likely to contract or spread the coronavirus. It's really that simple. One must make some judgments, of course. Staying outdoors or socializing indoors at a time when local transmission rates are low? It's probably fine to skip a mask. But are you going to be in close quarters indoors with strangers while variants like the BA.2 are high or on the rise? Then it's best to take these precautions. And, of course, one must comply with local restrictions that are—to restate the obvious—subject to change.

Finally, we would like to think that wearing a mask in public whenever possible (and appropriate) ought to be seen as a sign of respect toward others. We don't know everyone's personal story. There are some who can't be vaccinated because of underlying health conditions, for example. Mandates, whether for the routine vaccinations of childhood or masking during a once-in-a-century plague, remain a useful tool to reduce the severity of public health threats. But there's also something to be said for common courtesy.

Cut Pentagon spending, save the planet

According to the latest U.N. climate report, the world is on track to reach catastrophic levels of warming—more than double the 1.5 degrees Celsius target set by the Paris Agreement. U.N. Secretary General António Guterres called it "a file of shame."

But the report also focuses on what can still be done to minimize climate impacts: the rapid phaseout of fossil fuels, big new investments in decarbonization, and a commitment from wealthier countries to help reduce climate impacts in the regions that are most affected.

Those are familiar calls. What is new is a recommendation for where to get funding for these responses: military budgets. "Moderate reductions in military spending," the authors advise, "could free up considerable resources" to meet sustainable development goals and fight climate change.

They're right. According to the latest data on global military expenditures, the world spent almost \$2 trillion on militaries in 2020. The United States alone accounts for nearly 40 percent of that spending—more than the next 11 countries combined.

The bipartisan budget deal that Congress passed in March only sends that spending upward, directing \$782 billion to the Pentagon—which is already a bigger polluter than many industrialized countries.

The same budget allocates just \$1 billion for international climate finance. That's a nominal increase from Trump-era spending, but only a small fraction of the \$11 billion that President Joe Biden pledged to spend by 2024. And none of it is earmarked for the global Green Climate Fund, to which the United States still hasn't met its Obama-era pledge of \$3 billion.

To put this another way: This year, the United States will spend twice as much every day on the military than it does on international climate aid all year.

By **LORAH STEICHEN**
Progressive Perspectives



Lorah Steichen is the outreach coordinator for the National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies.

Last year, civil society groups called on the United States to deliver a total of \$800 billion in international climate aid by 2030 as a "good faith down payment toward our fair share." That may sound like a big number, but Congress now authorizes about that much for the military every year.

Experts at the Institute for Policy Studies have identified up to \$350 billion per year that could be cut from the Pentagon without compromising our national security. Putting even a portion of that toward protecting our planet would make us far safer than buying more missiles, jets and bombs.

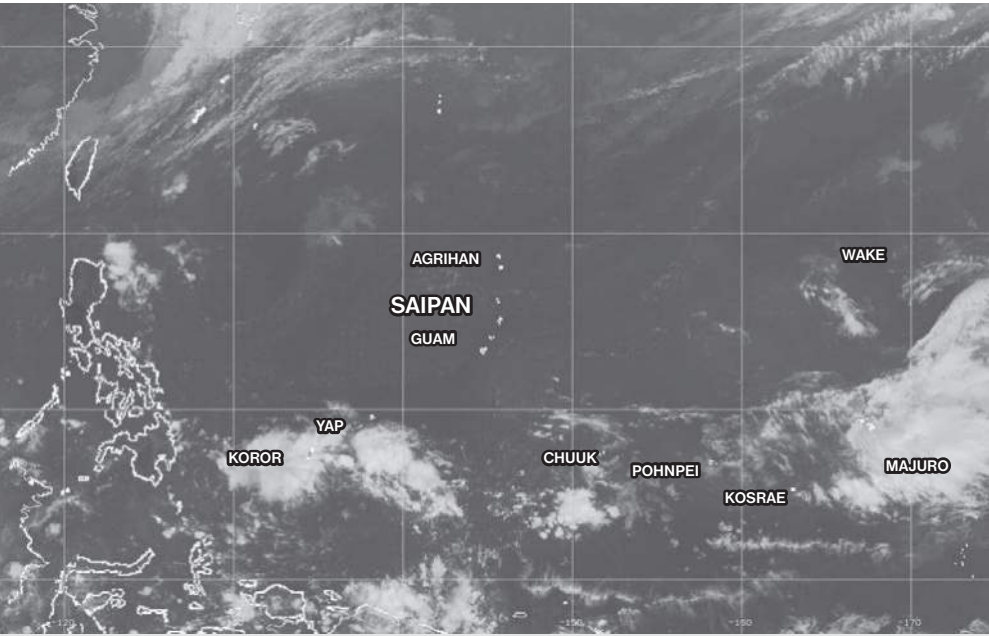
Transitioning off fossil fuels would also give far less leverage to petrostates like Russia. As the Ukraine-based Center for Environmental Initiatives Ecoaction recently noted, Russia's war against their nation "has been bankrolled by the coal, oil and gas industries." It called on leaders "to end the world's addiction to fossil fuels."

To claim any credibility as a global climate leader, the United States must put its money where its mouth is. Redirecting federal resources away from war and weapons could free up hundreds of billions of dollars to fund the rapid transition off fossil fuels we urgently need.

And that would leave us all much safer.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
Mostly sunny. East northeast wind 14 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.		Partly sunny, wit Isolated showers. East wind 14 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.		Partly sunny, with Scattered showers. Chance of precipitation is 30%.		Mostly cloudy, Scattered showers.		Mostly cloudy, with Isolated showers.	
87°	76°	86°	77°	86°	76°	87°	76°	88°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 7:23 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Partly cloudy skies, isolated showers and moderate trade winds prevail this morning. Satellite shows a batch of trade showers east and southeast of Guam near 148-150E. Combined seas are between 5 and 7 feet with most energy from the east-northeast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 sec-

onds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Isolated Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F	
Palau	Thunderstorms	28 / 25 °F	
Yap	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F	
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	30 / 25 °F	
Kosrae	PM Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:58 AM	18:32 PM
Saturday	05:58 AM	18:32 PM
Sunday	05:57AM	18:32 PM
Monday	05:57 AM	18:33 PM
Tuesday	05:56 AM	18:33 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:40 PM	-
Saturday	00:18	11:44 PM	-
Sunday	01:14	112:46 PM	-
Monday	02:04	13:45 PM	-
Tuesday	02:49	14:41 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain/Wind	20 / 12 °F	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	24 / 9°F	
Hong Kong	AM Clouds/PM Sun	26 / 23 °F	
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	28 / 23 °F	
London	AM Showers	15 / 9 °F	
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	18 / 10 °F	
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	35 / 26 °F	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	17 / 8 °F	
Miami	Showers/Wind	26 / 23 °F	
New York	Mostly Sunny	20 / 8 °F	
Osaka	AM Clouds/PM Sun	23 / 15 °F	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	19 / 11 °F	
Busan	Sunny/Wind	21 / 14 °F	
Rome	Showers	18 / 9 °F	
Salem	Sunny	28 / 13 °F	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	15 / 8 °F	
Seoul	AM Light Rain	17 / 9 °F	
Tokyo	Sunny	24 / 16 °F	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	4 / 11 °F	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
12:59 AM	High Tide	1.89	
06:13 AM	Low Tide	1.41	
10:36 AM	High Tide	1.82	
6:28 PM	Low Tide	-0.24	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 28, 2022

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:40AM	7:20AM	1, 3, 5	UA116	5:00AM	5:45AM	1, 3, 5
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	2, 4, 6, 7	UA116	8:00AM	8:45AM	6, 7
				UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	2, 4
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:35AM	8:35AM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	R110	10:35PM	4:35AM+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:05AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:40AM	9:10PM	1, 3, 5 via Guam	UA184/116	10:40pm	6:16am+1	5 via Guam
UA117/193	6:40AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA184/174	10:40pm	8:46am+1	2 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	2, 4, 6, 7 via Guam	UA184/116	10:55pm	6:16am+1	1, 3 via Guam
				UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 7 via Guam
				UA184/116	10:55pm	8:46am+1	6 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
RS112	3:15PM	7:00PM	3, 6	RS111	8:15AM	1:35PM	3, 6
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3	TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA				1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily				
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri Daily	1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM		1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily	1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily	1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri Daily				
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM		TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
ROTA TO GUAM				FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable				
GUAM TO ROTA				2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
				2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
				2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
				2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
				2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

'Treat every day like it's Earth Day'

By IVA MAURIN
CORRESPONDENT

Whether it's running from Garapan to Oleai, climbing Mount Tapochao, or swimming around Managaha, every little step goes a long way. Same goes with caring for nature. Protecting and preserving the environment may seem too big of a responsibility but every stride, every move—like planting trees, properly disposing trash, not dumping used oil in sinks, caring for animals—they all add up.

For Crystal Fiona Rio, 2021 Miss Northern Marianas Earth, the key is to treat every day like it is Earth Day. The reigning queen encourages everyone to embrace sustainable living, adding that despite how inconvenient such a lifestyle might seem, it is actually easier than we think. "No one is asking us to take a big leap to make a great change. This is more of a little nudge to take

little steps toward the main goal. A little does go a long way," she said.

Rio and the Miss NMI Earth elemental queens have been teaming up, participating in events all over the islands to spread awareness of green-living, waste management, including ways to reuse single-use products. To celebrate Earth Day, they are organizing and inviting everyone to help in the cleanup at Marine Beach this Saturday, April 23, from 8am to 10am.

"I am strongly highlighting the benefits of teamwork with my girls to inspire and motivate the community, mainly the youth, to work together to create a more beautiful

»Earth Talk with Miss NMI Earth Crystal Fiona Rio

and safe environment for ourselves and our future generations," she said.

Growing up on Saipan, Rio believes that the island's natural beauty extends beyond the beaches, the forests, the mountains, and the ocean—but also on how the community treats nature, and on how the diversity and similarities of the many cultures on island are nurtured.

This advocacy of connecting culture and the environment is something Rio shares with her own environmental hero—activist, writer, and entrepreneur Dominique Drakeford, whom the young queen admires for her work on environmental awareness and sustain-

ability "with a modern-like touch, while also highlighting environmental and life lessons learned from Black and Indigenous thinkers."

"Knowing that there are people—WOMEN—who are empowering their countries to save the Earth is very motivating," Rio said.

And empowering the community to protect, love, and care for nature is exactly what Rio, with the Miss NMI Earth elemental queens, are doing.

"The community can expect more collaborations [among] the queens, as a group or individuals, and other organizations as we take bigger steps toward a better environment."

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2021 Miss Northern
Marianas Earth
Crystal Fiona Rio.

Environment tips from Miss NMI Earth

How do we treat every day as Earth Day? Here are five tips from Miss NMI Earth herself:

Solid Waste: Most solid waste on our islands come from single-use food and drink containers and utensils. A great way to reduce the sight and intake of these types of solid waste is to learn how to reuse them. If not, it is best to find reusable options for different items such as bottles, cups, and even shopping bags.

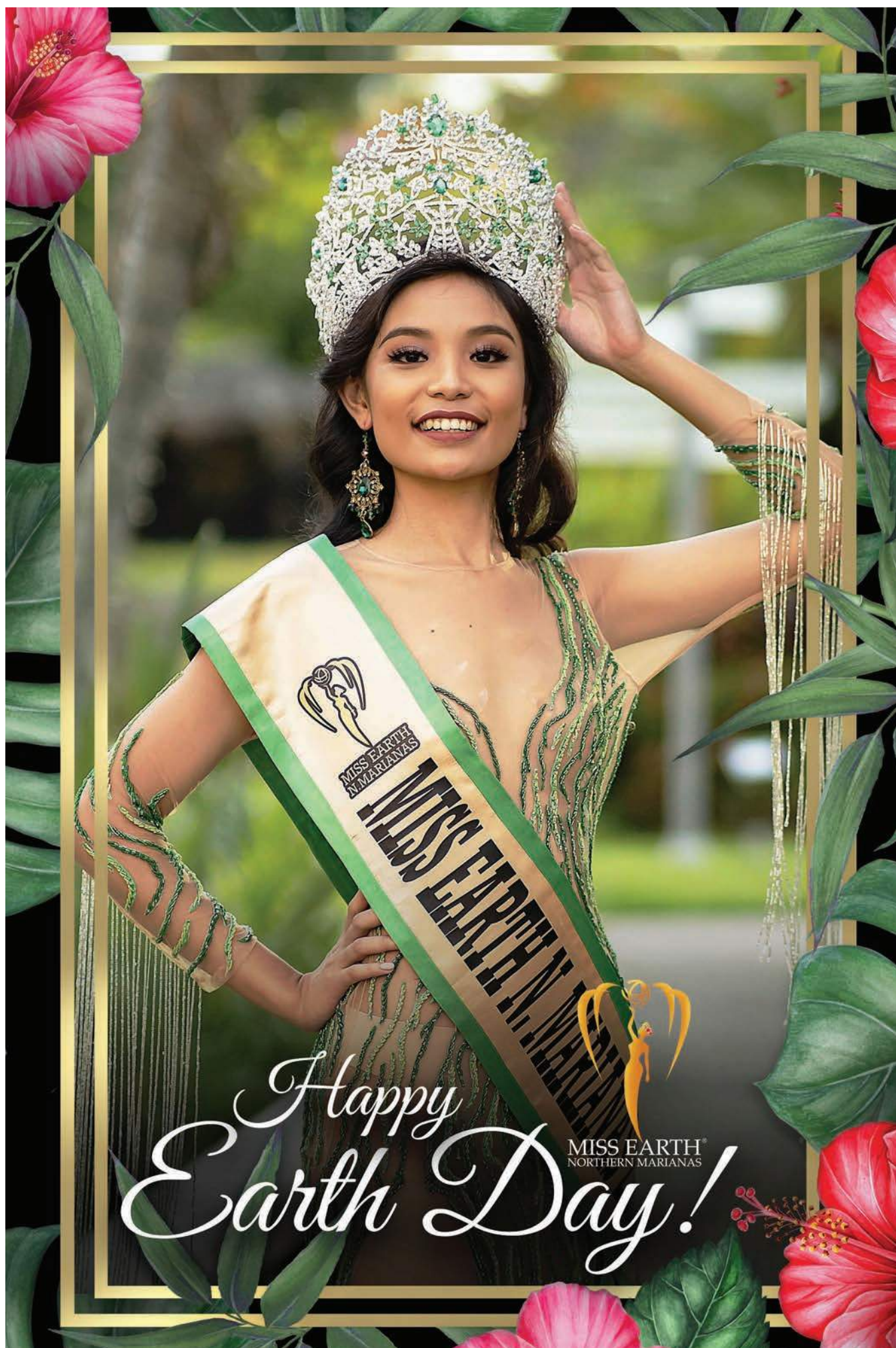
Air Quality: Even for such small dots on a map, the CNMI still greatly contributes to the quality of air. The amount of nonrenewable resources being burned for fuel affects the air surrounding us. A great way to reduce this is by carpooling with friends or family members, going for a walk, using public transportation, or investing in a bicycle.

Water Quality: Other than littering, surface runoff affects the ocean around us. In order to at least minimize the amount of toxic chemicals and debris, we must dispose of our trash properly as well as other trash around us. We must also be aware of over-using any form of chemicals (Ex: pesticide, harsh detergents/soaps, etc.) that run off

to the ground, which may eventually reach the ocean.

Land and Forest: To preserve the flora on our islands, we must definitely be aware of how we dispose of our trash, and lessen or completely stop the use of vehicles in unmarked areas (e.g., beaches or jungles). Poorly disposed trash will affect the greenery, not only visually, but also with how it grows. Driving vehicles on areas they shouldn't be on may cause severe erosion that may damage the land and soil that nourish the trees, plants, and other greenery around the area.

Wildlife: Improper disposal of trash and heavy usage of single-use plastics may affect fauna found on land and sea. Birds on our islands look for small things to use to make their nests and even feed their young ones. Animals work hard to find food to nourish themselves just as humans work hard to survive. Unaware of advancements humans go through, animals mistake trash as homes or food. We should not wait for the animals to adapt to our bothersome behavior. We must work together to be mindful of the living creatures we share our home with. (Iva Maurin)



MARPAC, Raymond James support Red Cross Gala

Beverage distribution company Marianas Pacific has generously donated beverages, silent auction prizes, and financial support for the upcoming Red Cross Gala fundraiser of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

“The ongoing support from MARPAC and the Shimizu family has allowed the Red Cross to fulfill its humanitarian mission here in the Commonwealth and throughout Micronesia. Whether providing emergency drinking water during disasters or supporting various Red Cross activities, MARPAC has had a major impact on our ability to provide our life saving services,” said JD Tenorio, Disaster program manager.

In addition, the Asia Pacific



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Frank Shimizu Sr. lead members of the Shimizu family and Marianas Pacific officials in turning over various donations to American Red Cross-NMI Chapter officials and board members, led by NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh.

Group of Raymond James financial services has provided a \$2,500 donation to support the Red Cross Gala. “Raymond James & Associates and its regional directors

Dan Roland and Jason Miyashita have a long history of supporting non-profits here in the

CNMI and in Guam. We are grateful for their generous support and commitment to helping

those in need through the Red Cross,” said NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh. (PR)

GCEA hosts Destination Transformation Inspection Tour



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Representatives of key CNMI government agencies take part in a Destination Transformation Tour on April 18.

Representatives of key CNMI government agencies took part in a Destination Transformation Inspection Tour last April 18, at the invitation of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Governor's Council of Economic Advisers co-chair Jerry Tan, and council members.

Government employees from the CNMI Department of Finance, Marianas Visitors Authority's management and board of directors, CNMI Office of Grants Management, CNMI Department of Corrections, and the CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources - Division of Parks and Recreation met at the Oleai Sports Complex to begin their tour. Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Carline Sablan escorted the group through the facility to brief them on the construction in progress.

“With the Pacific Mini Games upon us, it was important to begin our tour at the Oleai Sports Complex, where we viewed the current improvements in progress. We have more plans for enhancements in the future, which will transform the Oleai Sports Complex into a state-of-the-art sports complex with a neighboring

cultural events site. This improvement will greatly benefit our community and tourism industry,” said Torres.

When construction is completed, the CNMI will enjoy an upgraded baseball field, to include dugouts and bleachers; a track and field facility to include an eight-lane track and grass field; and a gymnasium. The games are scheduled for June 17 – June 24, 2022.

The group then boarded a tour bus to assess four major sites around the island that have been identified as priority transformation sites—the Last Command Post, Bird Island, Grotto, and Banzai Cliff. These popular sites are also Public Private Partnership program sites that have been maintained by GCEA's PPP partners.

“Touring these historical sites in Marpi together allowed us to collaborate and assess the improvements and work that need to be done,” Torres said. “Our agencies are committed to working together to support these efforts. The upgrades will significantly improve the sites and enhance the quality of experiences for our community and visitors. Prioritizing destination transformation

is critical to improving the Marianas product, and it is through these public-private partnerships that we can become a step closer to making the Marianas a world-class destination.”

Destination transformation is among the top priorities of the GCEA, following its mission to improve the quality of life for all who call the Marianas home. GCEA has identified key locations to improve, which would have a greater impact on the overall Marianas experience. Plans include providing better public accessibility, improving safety, preserving historical sites, and enhancing the quality of visitors' experiences throughout the Marianas.

“I would like to thank the GCEA, members of our PPP program, MVA, DLNR, DPL, and other government agencies for their work in ensuring that these historical sites, as well as other sites around our islands, are maintained, preserved, and provide improved accessibility for all,” said Gov. Torres.

For more information, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com or contact the Council at gceacnmi@gmail.com. (PR)



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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARFF RAPID REFILL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-93**, OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, ARFF Rapid Refill Improvements Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-93” and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

The Project, in general, consists of, construction of two new pre-stressed concrete tanks at 250,000 gallons each with a new triplex booster pump, removal and replacement of overhead refilling pipes, installation of two new fire hydrants, associated plumbing work, and all other associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS (\$250.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic format (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**, at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications. It is the contractor's responsibility to inform CPA as soon as possible if there is a problem accessing the information on the DVD. Contractor's are to verify all information provided using the table of contents for the specifications and the plan that shows the index of drawings.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Twenty (420) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: April 19, 2022

Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

United Airlines loses \$1.4B in 1Q, but expects profit in 2Q

CHICAGO (AP)—United Airlines reported Wednesday that it lost \$1.38 billion in the first quarter of 2022 but said it expects to return to profitability in the current three-month period as post-pandemic travel ramps back up. The Chicago-based airline posted revenue of \$7.67 billion in the quarter that ended March 31. That was down 21% from the first quarter of 2019. The airline is still running fewer flights than before the pandemic. But it said it had reopened all of its lounges, resumed 19 international routes and restarted services to six cities that haven't been served since the pandemic began. Shares in United Airlines Holdings Inc. jumped almost 8% in after-hours trading following the earnings report.

Feds: Thousands may have student debt that should be erased

Record-keeping failures by the federal government may have left thousands of Americans saddled with student debt that should have been automatically canceled through a benefit

for low-income borrowers, according to a new federal study. In a scathing report released on Wednesday, the Government Accountability Office faulted the Education Department for sloppy oversight of its income-driven repayment program—a collection of plans that offer reduced monthly payments and carry a promise to erase all remaining debt after 20 or 25 years of payments. The study, requested by Congress, identified 7,700 federal student loans that appear to meet the conditions for loan forgiveness but had yet to be canceled as of September 2020. The loans were held by 3,000 borrowers and amount to a combined \$49 million. (AP)

As shares plunge, Netflix takes aim at password sharing, ads

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—An unexpected drop in subscribers sent Netflix shares into freefall Wednesday, forcing the company to consider experimenting with ads and—hold onto your remote—cracking down on millions of freeloaders who use passwords shared by friends or family. The surprising net loss of 200,000 sub-

scribers rattled investors, who had been told by the company to expect a gain of 2.5 million subscribers. Netflix shares

sank 35% on the news, falling to their lowest level since early 2018. Netflix estimates that about 100 million households

worldwide—or roughly one out of every three households using its service—are streaming for free. “We’ve just got

to get paid at some degree for them,” co-CEO Reed Hastings said during a shareholder call Tuesday.

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Nation

Justice Dept. to appeal order voiding travel mask mandate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department is filing an appeal seeking to overturn a judge’s order that voided the federal mask mandate on planes and trains and in travel hubs, officials said Wednesday.

The notice came minutes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asked the Justice Department to appeal the decision handed down by a federal judge in Florida earlier this week.

A notice of appeal was filed in federal court in Tampa.

The CDC said in a statement Wednesday that it is its “continuing assessment that at this time an order requiring masking in the indoor transportation corridor remains necessary for the public health.”

It remained unclear whether the Biden administration would ask the appeals court to grant an emergency stay to immediately reimpose the mask mandate on public transit. An emergency stay of the lower court’s ruling would be a whiplash moment for travelers and transit workers. Most airlines and airports, many public transit systems and even ride-sharing company Uber lifted their mask-wearing requirements in the hours following Monday’s ruling.

A federal judge in Florida had struck down the national mask mandate for mass transit on Monday, leading air-

lines and airports to swiftly repeal their requirements that passengers wear face coverings. The Transportation Security Administration said Monday that it would it will no longer enforce the mask requirement.

The CDC had recently extended the mask mandate, which was set to expire Monday, until May 3 to allow more time to study the BA.2 omicron subvariant, which is now responsible for the vast majority of U.S. cases. But the court ruling Monday had put that decision on hold.

The CDC said it will continue to monitor public health conditions to determine if a mandate would remain necessary. It said it believes the mandate is “a lawful order, well within CDC’s legal authority to protect public health.”

Forecasters: Strong wind could lead to explosive fire growth

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—Lisa Wells looked out the window of her home office and saw a plume of smoke. Before long, the smoke blackened, the wind intensified and entire trees were consumed by flames.

In what felt like seconds, her family moved Tuesday from a get-ready-to-go status to go now. She managed to gather important medication and move their horses, alpacas and dogs to safety.

The home they bought 15 years ago on the outskirts of Flagstaff didn’t survive. Fierce winds picked up embers that hopped across neighborhoods, destroying some homes and leaving others unscathed.

“It was a miracle that people got out because we had so little time,” Wells said Wednesday, standing in a parking lot that has become a gathering spot for the evacuated communities.

Residents haven’t been able to fully survey the damage, partly because the forecast has even stronger winds in store that experts say could lead to more explosive fire growth.



This Wednesday April 20, 2022, photo provided by Bill Wells shows his home on the outskirts of Flagstaff, Ariz., destroyed by a wildfire on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

And the risk isn’t limited to Arizona. The 30 square-mile (77 square-kilometer) blaze outside Flagstaff is one of a half-dozen major wildfires that have raced across Arizona and New Mexico the last few days.

State and federal officials were scrambling to get more

crews on the front lines before the wind forecast worsens Friday—gusting up to 70 mph (112 kph) in some parts of northern New Mexico.

At a community meeting in Flagstaff on Wednesday evening, Brian Klimowski of the National Weather Service declared the start of the fire sea-

son and said “it’s going to be a long one this year.”

Hundreds of people have been evacuated because of wildfires burning in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Popular lakes and national monuments have been closed—some because fire has moved directly over them.

Ohio doctor found not guilty in 14 hospital patient deaths

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio doctor accused of ordering excessive amounts of painkillers that led to multiple patient deaths at a Columbus-area hospital was acquitted of 14 counts of murder Wednesday following a weeklong trial.

Dr. William Husel, 46, was accused of ordering the drugs for patients in the Mount Carmel Health System. He was indicted in cases that involved at least 500 micrograms of the powerful painkiller fentanyl.

Prosecutors said ordering such dosages for a nonsurgical situation indicated an intent to end lives. Husel’s attorneys argued he was providing comfort care for dying patients, not trying to kill them.

Franklin County Judge Michael Holbrook told jurors before the start of deliberations that they could also consider lesser charges of attempted murder. They deliberated for six days.

Husel would have faced a sentence of life in prison with

parole eligibility in 15 years had he been found guilty of just one count of murder.

Prosecutors presented their case beginning Feb. 22 and put on 53 prosecution witnesses before resting on March 29. Those witnesses included medical experts who testified that Husel ordered up to 20 times as much fentanyl as was necessary to control pain.

Husel gave enough fentanyl to some patients to “kill an elephant,” testified Dr. Wes Ely, a physician and professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University.

Other prosecution witnesses included medical experts, Mount Carmel employees, investigators, and family members of all 14 patients.

By contrast, defense lawyers called a single witness—a Georgia anesthesiologist—to testify that Husel’s patients died from their medical conditions and not Husel’s actions. The defense rested on March 31 after one day.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of April 22, 2022

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)	04/01/2022 SSm-2022-024	Taste of Marianas Festival of Cultures	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 04/08/2022
2. International Bridge & Construction Marianas, Inc. (IBCM)	04/04/2022 RMS-2022-025	Transfer of Interest (Pali'e Rota Quarry)	Sinapalo, Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
3. Department of Public Works (DPW)	04/04/2022 SPIm-2022-026	Industrial Drive (Route 323) Road Improvement	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 04/11/2022
4. Pacific Subsea Saipan, Inc.	04/06/2022 SPIm-2022-027	Drydock - Yuri II	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 04/08/2022
5. Marianas Solid Waste Collection, LLC	04/08/2022 SPIm-2022-028	Staging & Maintenance	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 4/12/2022

NMIAAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a **Special Board meeting** on Monday, **April 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Reading of the Notice of the Agenda

D. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments*

III. Discussion

A. Tinian Power Plant

B. Board of Directors' Terms

IV. Executive Session**

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

On Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the Board will tour CUC Power Plants I and IV and Isley Field Power Plant beginning at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, the Board will tour the CUC water/wastewater facilities beginning at 9:00 a.m.

/s/

MIRANDA V. MANGLONA, Chairwoman

* In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by a recorded vote of the majority members of the governing body.

** All interested persons are welcome to attend, and submit written and oral testimony on the above-agenda items. Public Comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes

*** Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the CUC Board of Directors may vote to meet at any time in executive session, in consultation with the Legal Counsel on matters deemed privileged and confidential.

World

Relentless attacks pound last defenders holed up in Mariupol

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Relentless Russian attacks pounded the last Ukrainian stronghold in the besieged city of Mariupol as a fighter apparently on the inside issued a video plea for help, saying defenders holed up in a giant steel plant “may have only a few days or hours left.”

Another attempt to evacuate civilians trapped in the pulverized port city failed Wednesday because of continued fighting, and the number of people fleeing Ukraine passed 5 million.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said it submitted a draft of its demands for ending the war, and the West raced to supply Ukraine with heavier weapons to counter the Russians’ new drive to seize the industrial east.

Britain’s Defense Ministry said in an assessment Thursday that Russia likely desires to demonstrate significant successes ahead of its annual May

Report: Hunger kills hundreds of kids in Ethiopia’s Tigray

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—At least 1,900 children under 5 have died from malnutrition in Ethiopia’s embattled Tigray region in the past year, according to a study conducted by regional health officials and seen by The Associated Press.

The deaths were recorded at health facilities across Tigray between June last year and April 1. Western Tigray, which is under the control of forces from the neighboring Amhara region, was not included in the survey.

A doctor involved in the study said the true number of child deaths from malnutrition is likely higher as most families are unable to bring their children to health centers because of transportation challenges.



Ukrainian soldiers walk on a destroyed bridge in Irpin, on the outskirts of Kyiv, on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

9 Victory Day celebrations. “This could affect how quickly and forcefully they attempt to conduct operations in the run-up to this date.”

With global tensions running

high, Russia reported the first successful test launch of a new type of intercontinental ballistic missile, the Sarmat. President Vladimir Putin boasted that it can overcome any missile de-

Most hunger deaths go unrecorded, he said.

“Because we cannot access most areas, we do not know what is happening on the community level,” said the doctor, who requested anonymity for fear of reprisals. “These are simply the deaths we have managed to record in health facilities.”

Tigray has been cut off from the rest of Ethiopia since June when fighters from the Tigray People’s Liberation Front, or TPLF, recaptured most of the region as federal forces withdrew.

Banking services, phone lines and road links are all down in the region, a situation the United Nations has said amounts to a “de facto blockade.”

Ethiopian authorities insist there is no deliberate effort to target Tigrayan civilians. They have urged Tigrayan fighters to surrender.

More than 90% of Tigray’s 5.5 million people require humanitarian assistance, including 115,000 children who are severely malnourished, according to U.N. figures.

Civil servants have not been paid in months. Many have run out of cash to buy food and other goods because banking services have been shut down. The children of families living in urban areas are especially at risk of malnutrition, as their parents don’t have farmland to grow food, Tigrayan health officials say.

The panel at the state court in Krems set a 10-year probation period and other conditions.

5 dead after small plane crashes into soda truck in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—A small plane crashed Wednesday in the bustling Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, killing at least five people and injuring several others, authorities said. The plane was headed to the southern coastal city of Jacmel when it tried to land in the community of Carrefour and hit a truck transporting soda bottles, said Pierre Belamy Samedi, a police commissioner for that region. He told The Associated Press that the truck driver was among the dead. Samedi said the pilot was taken to the hospital, but his condition was not immediately known. He

said a total of five people were aboard the plane.

Chinese man gets 20 years in Rwanda for whipping a local man

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)—A court in Rwanda sentenced a Chinese businessman to 20 years in prison for torture after he was filmed beating a local man last year. Sun Shu-jun had been accused of beating his workers in a case that drew attention because he was filmed whipping a man tethered to a pole on the ground. A Rwandan man, Renzaho Alexis, was sentenced to 12 years for his alleged role as an accomplice in the beatings. The Chinese embassy in Rwanda acknowledged Tuesday’s verdict in a statement Wednesday urging Chinese citizens living in Rwanda to abide by local laws.

fense system and make those who threaten Russia “think twice.” The head of the Russian state aerospace agency called the launch out of northern Russia “a present to NATO.”

The Pentagon described the test as “routine” and said it wasn’t considered a threat.

On the battlefield, Ukraine said Moscow continued to mount assaults across the east, probing for weak points in Ukrainian defensive lines. Russia said it launched hundreds of missile and air attacks on targets that included concentrations of troops and vehicles.

The Kremlin’s stated goal is the capture of the Donbas, the mostly Russian-speaking east-

ern region that is home to coal mines, metal plants and heavy-equipment factories. Detaching it from the rest of Ukraine would give Putin a badly needed victory two months into the war, after the botched attempt to storm the capital, Kyiv.

The U.K. Defense Ministry said Russian forces were advancing from staging areas in the Donbas toward Kramatorsk, which continues to suffer from persistent rocket attacks.

In a video address, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the Russians were not “abandoning their attempts to score at least some victory by launching a new, large-scale offensive.”

IN LOVING MEMORY OF †LUIS AGUON REYES



LOVINGLY KNOWN AS: “LOUIE ONIO”, “LITO”, “LU”
JUNE 20, 1961- APRIL 15, 2022

In His New Life He Now Joins:

Maternal Grandparents: †Santiago Estrella & †Maria Perez Mafnas Aguon
Paternal Grandparents: †Antonio Deleon Guerrero Delos Reyes & †Rosa San Nicolas Manahane Delos Reyes
Parents: †Jose Manahane Delos Reyes & †Rosa Aguon Reyes
Grandson: †Richard Angel Santos Jr.
Brothers & Sister: †Francisco Aguon Reyes, †Vicente Aguon Reyes, †Ladonna Delos Reyes Dement
Father In Law: †Jose Cruz Angui, †Francisco Cruz Angui
Brother & Sisters In Law: †Ricardo DLG. Angui, †Regina DLG. Reyes, †Patricia Cabrera Reyes

His Loving Memory Will Continue To Live In The Hearts Of His:

Wife: Patricia Angui Reyes
Mother In Law: Maria Deleon Guerrero Angui
Children & Grandchildren:
Luisa & Angel (Jovohni & Olympia, †Richard Angel Jr., Aailah Jae)
Lanessa & Jason (Jason Jr. & Esperanza, Trinicia, Javier)
Lathania & Eric (Loutricia, Joseph, Eric II)
Luis Patrick & Allison (Keoni, Kirida, Logan, Kylee'ah)
Lushawnn & Jamila (Lushawnn, Luis, Landin, Jesscia)
Lambert & Daiva (Luther)
Luizi & Beatrice (Zayne)
Luwan & Cecilia (Luka)

Brothers & In-Laws:
Antonio A. Reyes, Joseph & Elerie Reyes, William & Jessie Angui, Herman & Vivian Angui, Oscar & Lillian Angui, Pricillia Angui, Brenda & Mike Reyes, Cynthia & Benjamin Cepeda, Norma Deleon Guerrero, Zenia & Donald Manalo and beloved nephews & nieces.

Daily Mass is being offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00AM . Nightly Rosary is held at his daughter Lathania's Residence in Dandan at 7:00PM.

On Monday, **April 25, 2022 7:30am** our Beloved's remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral for responso and final viewing. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11AM followed by interment services at the Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are forever appreciated.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Austrian who raped captive daughter may move to normal jail

BERLIN (AP)—A court has ruled that an Austrian man who kept his daughter captive for 24 years and fathered seven of her children should be moved from psychiatric detention to a normal prison. However, Josef Fritzl will remain where he is while an appeal by prosecutors is under consideration. Fritzl’s crime was revealed in 2008. He was sentenced in 2009 to life imprisonment for incest, rape, coercion, false imprisonment, enslavement and for the negligent homicide of one of his infant sons. A three-judge state court panel ruled that he now should be moved from psychiatric detention on the basis of a new assessment, court spokesman Ferdinand Schuster told the Austria Press Agency on Wednesday.

Off The Wall

'You inhaled it': Man inhales drill bit during visit to dentist

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)—A routine trip to the dentist was anything but normal—after an Illinois man inhaled the dentist's drill bit and had to go to the hospital to get it removed last month.

Tom Jozsi, 60, told WISN-TV that he was at the dentist getting his tooth filled when he was told he swallowed a tool.

"I didn't really even feel it going down. All I felt was a cough. When they did the CT scan they realized, 'You didn't swallow it. You inhaled it,'" he said. Doctors believe that

Jozsi inhaled just before he coughed, sending the 1-inch bit deep into Jozsi's lung.

Dr. Abdul Alraiyes, at Aurora Medical Center-Kenosha in Wisconsin, said the bit was so deep that normal scopes couldn't reach it. Jozsi said he was told that if it couldn't be taken out, part of his lung would have to be removed.

Alraiyes and his medical team decided to try a newer device to remove the object—one that's designed for early detection of cancer.

Video of the scan shows the medical team was able to navigate the narrow airways, reach the drill piece and pull it out without harming Jozsi.

"I was never so happy as when I opened my eyes, and I saw him with a smile under that mask shaking a little plastic container with the tool in it," Jozsi said.

Jozski said he now keeps the drill bit on a shelf at home.

Alraiyes said colleagues in Michigan and Ohio have reported seeing similar cases.

Missing wallaby found hiding near zoo exhibit

Honey Bunch, the wallaby who went missing at the Memphis Zoo after storms passed through Tennessee this week, has been found hiding—nearly in plain sight.

"It was an area right behind the exhibit ... that had been searched multiple times in the past 36 hours, but he was camouflaged really well and hidden very well under a bush," said Jessica Faulk, the zoo's spokesperson.

A curator happened to see some tracks Friday morning and followed them to Honey Bunch, Faulk said.

"We suspect he was there the whole time," she said.

Honey Bunch was taken to the zoo's hospital and was being evaluated by a veterinarian, who gave him a clean bill of health, Faulk said.

A creek in the KangaZoo exhibit overflowed during storms



AP
This undated photo provided by the Memphis Zoo shows Honey Bunch, the wallaby.

Wednesday night, and the exhibit was evacuated, with the animals moved to the hospital. Honey Bunch and three other wallabies will move back to the exhibit together in a day or so probably, Faulk said.

Honey Bunch is 21 months old and one of the largest of the four, she said.

Faulk said no one knows how he was able to get out of the exhibit's fencing but that zoo officials are looking into it so they can prevent it from happening again.

Memphis police had assisted in the search for the missing animal, a smaller relative of the kangaroo. (AP)

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Customers cheer after woman gives birth at Missouri Walmart

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—Customers cheered at a Walmart in Missouri after a woman gave birth to a baby girl in the store's toilet paper aisle. Jessica Hinkle, manager of the store in Springfield, said the woman told employees Wednesday that her water broke. Hinkle held up a sheet for privacy while a labor nurse who happened to be in the store and firefighters helped the woman deliver her baby in just 45 minutes, KYTV reported. Customers encouraged the woman throughout the birth and cheered as she and the baby were taken away to an ambulance. The birth took place as shoppers nationwide are converging on stores to stockpile toilet paper and other basics amid the coronavirus pandemic. "You know a feel good moment,

everybody's going through so much and with a baby it's like everything comes full circle," Hinkle said. Hinkle said she contacted the woman Thursday and both mom and baby are doing well.

Police: Man told to turn down music grabs sword, chases man

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP)—A man has been accused of grabbing a 2 1/2-foot-long (76 centimeters) sword and chasing after another man who asked him to turn down his music, police in Manchester, New Hampshire, said. A man knocked on the door of Benjamin Layland, 47, on Monday, police said. Layland reportedly became upset and grabbed the sword. He allegedly chased the man down a hall, police said. The man got away and there were no injuries. Layland was charged with criminal threat-

ening. He was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday. It wasn't immediately known if he had a lawyer who could speak on his behalf.

Large alligator saunters through Florida neighborhood

VENICE, Fla. (AP)—Sheriff's deputies captured video of a large alligator crawling through a front yard in Florida before making its way into a community lake. The video was taken Sunday morning in Venice, Florida, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office said in a Facebook post. Deputies estimated the gator to be about 10 feet long (3 meters). The sheriff's office notified the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. They also warned neighbors to be on alert because the alligator sauntered down to Harrington Lake to take an Easter morning swim.

Science & Technology

Survey: Trust in science is high, but misinformation is a threat

By **BROOKS JOHNSON**
STAR TRIBUNE

Trust in science is rising worldwide, according to a 3M-backed survey released Tuesday, and more people expect it to solve the world's problems.

But the fifth annual 3M State of Science Index also showed many are worried that misinformation could lead to more public health crises, greater societal divisions and lack of action on climate change.

"It's really good to see that trust in science is high, and that's true in America and around the world, but misinformation threatens scientific credibility," Jayshree Seth, 3M's corporate scientist and chief science advocate, said in an interview. "It's not simply a matter of communicating facts, data and evidence. We need to build that relationship with the public."

Since 2018, 3M has sought to measure global attitudes about science and the role it plays in society to help shade decision-making.

Global research firm Ipsos surveyed 17,000 adults in 17 countries last fall: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Singapore, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

Ninety percent of respondents said they trust science at least somewhat, up from 84% in 2020. About half of respondents said they consider science important in their everyday lives—and 61% of those under 40 said so.

"The deep level of trust that younger generations have in science and the increasing role it plays in their lives is a very promising sign for the future," 3M chief executive Mike Roman said in a statement.

Seth said that building and retaining that trust means direct and clear communication packed with context.

"You have to bring people along on how the scientific method works—it relies on data, debate, discussion and discourse," she said. "When

new data is uncovered, new recommendations emerge."

To combat misinformation, which encompasses a range of false, purposely misleading or out-of-context media, consumers need to take the initiative to confirm credibility.

"There's a profound sense of urgency around that," Seth said. "It's a complex problem, and a multifaceted, multidisciplinary approach will be needed."

Other findings in the survey showed 4 out of every 5 respondents said they or a loved one could be displaced by climate change-driven extreme weather events. Overall concern for climate change is also rising.

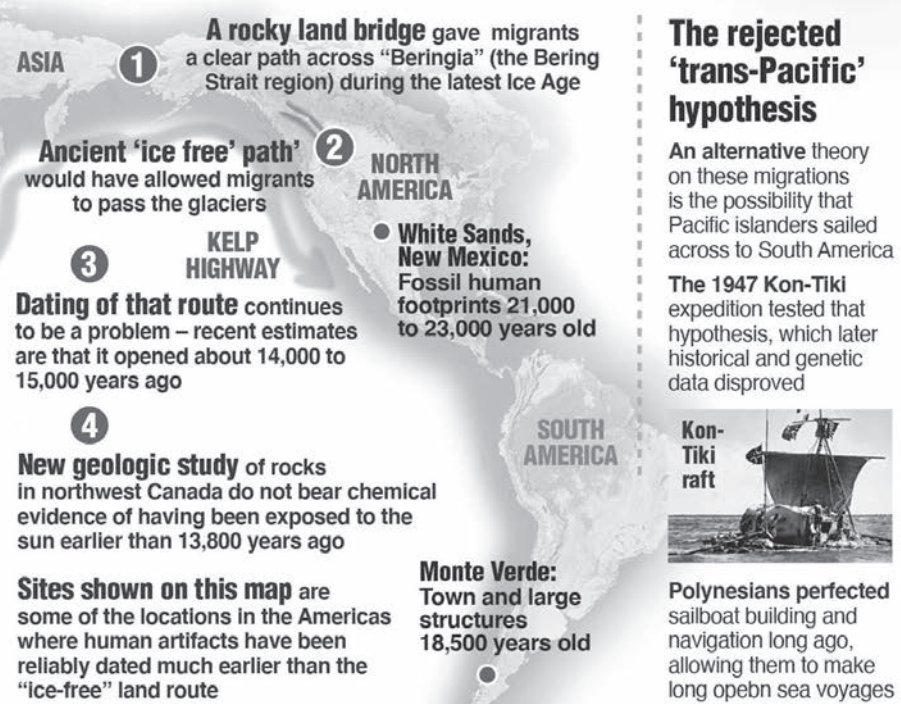
"To address these concerns, investing in innovations to mitigate the effects of climate change ranks as a top action for corporations to prioritize—second only to improving health care quality," the survey said.

The study also looked at gaps in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and opportunities.

Science Matters

New evidence for ancient sea route

When and how did ancient Asians first reach the Americas? The top 20th century theory pointed to an ice-free corridor into North America. Newer facts indicate a coastal route.



Sea travel along the Kelp Highway

How was the long voyage to the Americas possible?

EXHIBIT A: Ancient seafaring
Few wooden boats can last for thousands of years, but evidence has been found on East Asian islands of ancient sea travel

EXHIBIT B: Seaweed beds
rich in fish and wildlife ran from Japan to Baja California
Studies since 2007 show that ancient travelers could have followed this Kelp Highway past Alaska and far south along the American coast

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Life & Style

Rapper A\$AP Rocky arrested at LA airport in 2021 shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rapper A\$AP Rocky was taken into custody Wednesday morning at Los Angeles International Airport in connection with a shooting in Hollywood last year, authorities said.

The performer, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, was detained on suspicion of as-

sault with a deadly weapon, the Los Angeles Police Department said in a statement Wednesday.

Mayers, 33, was wanted in connection with a Nov. 6, 2021 shooting after an argument escalated, authorities said. Mayers is accused of firing a handgun at an acquaintance,

who sustained a minor injury and later sought medical treatment, police said.

Mayers and two other men ran after the gunfire, police said.

Mayers' RCA



Mayers

Records publicist and attorney did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

TMZ and NBC News first reported the arrest and details of the 2021 shooting.

Mayers had been photographed days earlier in Barbados with Rihanna. The high-profile celebrity couple announced in January that they were expecting their first child together. They haven't revealed the due date.

Mayers released his last studio album four years ago and

like Rihanna has become as known for fashion trendsetting as he is for music. He was the focus of international attention in 2019 after being detained for nearly a month in Sweden following a street brawl. He was found guilty of assault and given a "conditional sentence" that meant no additional time in jail.

Johnny Depp testifies Heard attacked him, he never hit back

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP)—Actor Johnny Depp scoffed at the notion during court testimony Wednesday that his constant quarrels with ex-wife Amber Heard would ever prompt him to hit her, and insisted on cross-examination that her allegations devastated his career.

"Violence isn't necessary," Depp said from the stand during his libel lawsuit against Heard, his second day of testimony. "Why would you hit someone to make them agree with you?"

Heard has accused Depp of physically and sexually assaulting her on multiple occasions before and during their brief marriage. The former "Pirates of the Caribbean" star sued after Heard, who is also an actor, made an indirect reference to those accusations in an op-ed piece she wrote for The Washington Post.

Depp addressed Heard's accusations in detail Wednesday. Heard has said the first time she was assaulted was when Depp slapped her in 2013 after she made fun of a tattoo he had—one that used to say "Winona Forever" when he was dating the actress Winona Ryder that he altered to "Wino Forever" after they broke up.

"It didn't happen," he said



AP Actor Johnny Depp testifies during a hearing in the courtroom at the Fairfax County Circuit Court in Fairfax, Va., Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

of the alleged assault. "Why would I take such great offense to someone making fun of a tattoo on my body? That allegation never made any sense to me."

Later, he addressed an alleged assault on a private plane flight in 2014 from Boston to Los Angeles. Heard has said Depp became blackout intoxicated and assaulted her on the plane ride.

Depp testified he took two oxycodone pills—an opiate

to which he admits he was addicted at the time—and locked himself in the plane bathroom and fell asleep to avoid her badgering.

Depp testified he drank only a glass of Champagne as he boarded the plane. But according to evidence introduced at a similar trial in England where Depp sued a British tabloid—a lawsuit he lost—Depp texted his friend, actor Paul Bettany, and referenced drinking half a bottle of whiskey, "a

thousand Red Bull vodkas" and two bottles of Champagne before the flight.

Depp also discussed a violent argument in 2015—shortly after they were married—in Australia that resulted in the tip of his middle finger being cut off. He said Heard was irate that Depp's lawyers had asked her to sign a post-nuptial agreement.

He said she threw two vodka bottles at him, the second of which exploded where

he had placed his hand on a basement bar, severing the finger to the point where bone was exposed.

"I don't know what a nervous breakdown feels like, but that's probably the closest I've ever been," he said.

Depp said he began to write on the walls in his own blood to recount lies in which he had caught Heard.

Depp told hospital doctors he had injured himself, and contemporaneous text messages introduced as evidence refer to Depp injuring himself. Depp testified he lied about the cause of the injury to protect her. Heard's lawyers have said the laws of physics don't support Depp's story and they will introduce evidence to prove that.

Depp also gave a graphic description of a final fight as the couple drifted toward divorce, accusing Heard and her friends of pretending that he was assaulting her. Soon after, Heard sought a restraining order and was photographed with marks on her face.

He testified that Heard was on the phone with a friend shouting, "Stop hitting me Johnny!" even though he was standing nowhere near her.

The fight had started as Depp said he'd realized it was time for the couple to split. The argument intensified, he

said, as Depp accused her of leaving human fecal matter on his side of the bed in the penthouse they'd shared. He said Heard kept denying it, blaming it on their small dogs, but he was convinced she was lying.

Depp met Heard on the 2011 film "The Rum Diary." The two married in 2015 and she filed for divorce a year later.

Depp said things began to change in his marriage when he felt that he "was suddenly just wrong about everything" in Heard's eyes.

Violence would often ensue, sometimes with a slap or a shove from Heard or his wife throwing a television remote control or a glass of wine in his face, Depp said.

"There were times when I would just go and lock myself in the bathroom or a place where she couldn't get to," Depp said.

Depp said he used drugs and drank alcohol as a way to cope with Heard's abuse and said she was also a heavy drinker. Depp said he at one point stopped drinking to try to save the relationship, but Heard refused to abstain.

Depp sued Heard after she wrote a 2018 op-ed piece in The Washington Post in which she referred to herself as a "public figure representing domestic abuse."

Friendship derailed over pandemic-era preferences

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend of many years is currently not speaking to me. She recently moved from California to Denver and had invited me to visit. We agreed on the dates, and I took time off work and booked the flights. Less than two weeks before my arrival, she abruptly canceled the visit, expressing no regrets or concern for whether I would be able to get a refund from the airline.

She indicated that because I was not comfortable with the recently lifted mask mandates and other COVID precautions in her state and prefer to continue to avoid indoor dining, bars, etc., that she wanted to "postpone for a few months," when we might be able to enjoy more activities. When I expressed hurt feelings at being disinvited, she became angry and ceased communication. Is this friendship over? How should I proceed?

RISK-AVERSE IN THE WEST

DEAR RISK-AVERSE: I am not sure why your friend became angry and canceled your visit, unless she had planned activities that would take place in restaurants, theaters, etc. I am also puzzled that she should end a friendship of many years over it. Because this is recent, give her a little more time to cool off. Then extend an olive branch and see if she has put this unfortunate episode in perspective.

DEAR ABBY: I have a former colleague whose company I enjoyed while I was working with him. He thought highly of my work ethic, and we worked well together. Because of this, he has asked me to be a professional reference for him sporadically over the years, which I always happily agreed to. The problem is we haven't worked together in six years.

Because it has been so long, I no longer feel as though I'm a good reference for him. I also worry that recruiters will wonder why I was chosen after all this time. He reaches out to me only for reference requests, so it's not as though I'm damaging a long-term friendship, but I still care about him and his feelings. How can I politely decline his future requests?

RELUCTANT REFERENCE

DEAR RELUCTANT: In recent years, the amount of information that can be shared about former employees and colleagues is quite restricted. I believe it's limited to the dates you worked together. However, because you no longer wish to be a reference, you will have to bite the bullet and be honest about your feelings and the reason why.

DEAR ABBY: The wife of a married couple my wife and I are friends with revealed a few years ago that before she met her

DEAR ABBY

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husband, she had an affair that produced a child she immediately placed for adoption. This was 40 years ago. It surprised us all, including her husband.

I believe she should have told her husband before they married. My wife says because it was before she met him, it was none of his business. Well, now it is his business because, through DNA ancestry sites, this "child" is now in his life, which has become an embarrassment for him. What do you think?

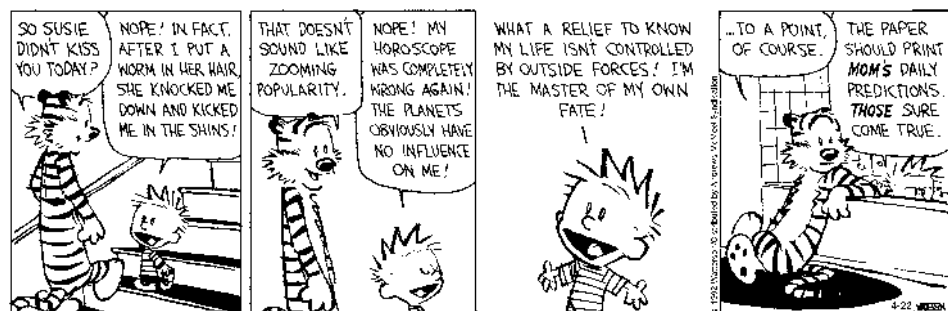
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DEAR HIS BUSINESS: I think you should mind your own beeswax and stay resolutely OUT of his family business!

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



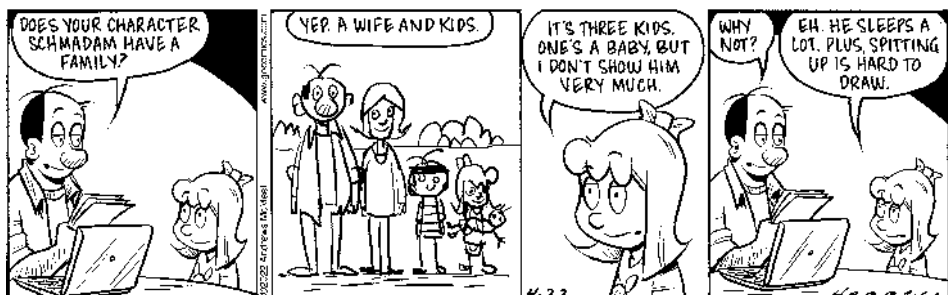
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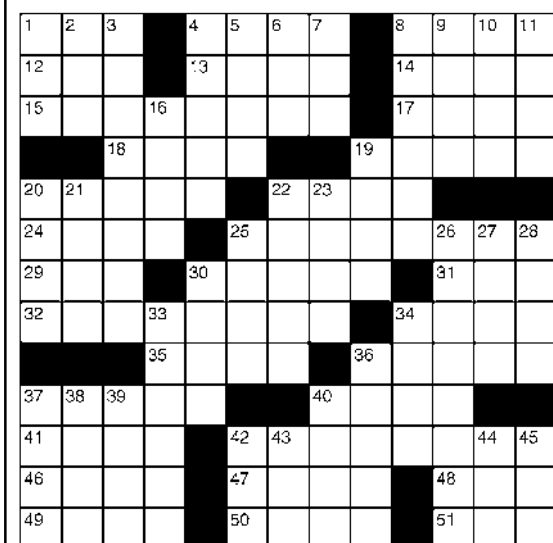
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 4-22



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Amber Heard, 36; Sherri Shepherd, 55; Jeffrey Dean Morgan, 56; Jack Nicholson, 85.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Proceed with caution. Don't expect to get something for free. Show your willingness to put in the time and do the work yourself. Someone will take advantage of you if you are too accommodating. Take care of your responsibilities first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Reach out to friends and relatives. Discuss your intentions, and see who wants to get involved. Get clearance from anyone or any organizations that might hinder your progress. A change of scenery will serve as inspiration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Leave nothing undone or for someone else to finish. Work alone and pay attention to detail. Hard work will help you maintain control and avoid being broadsided by the changes someone implements. Leave nothing to chance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expand your interests and push forward. Live up to your expectations and you will set the stage for a prosperous future. Take the initiative

to use your imagination. Working with someone you love will bring you closer. Shared expenses are favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be a friendly observer, and learn from those with experience. Hone your skills, be open to suggestions and prepare to turn your goal into a reality. Take your time, and leave nothing to chance personally or professionally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attend events that offer a platform to show everyone what you have to offer. A friendly nudge will help you get others to see things your way. Consider partnering with someone you feel shares your objective. Romance is on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't give in or give up. Control your spending and avoid situations that involve shared expenses. Implement a tight budget, and take care of time-sensitive matters. Walk away from anyone using emotional manipulation to pressure you. Maintain integrity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your plan in motion, then proceed. You can get things done your way if you refuse to let others meddle in your affairs. A change of heart will clear your mind and help you make a decision that sets you free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do your best to dodge an argument or getting caught up in someone's drama. Look at what you are trying to achieve, and turn your attention to reaching your personal goals. Say no to temptation.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are sitting in a good position. Evaluate your situation, and make adjustments that allow you to take advantage of current opportunities. Don't let fear stop you from getting what you want. Look at your prospects, and make your dreams come true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone has a hidden agenda. Shut down anyone trying to coax you to get involved in something that doesn't fit into your plans. Keep your eyes on your long-term goal, and inch your way forward. Don't lose sleep over what others think.

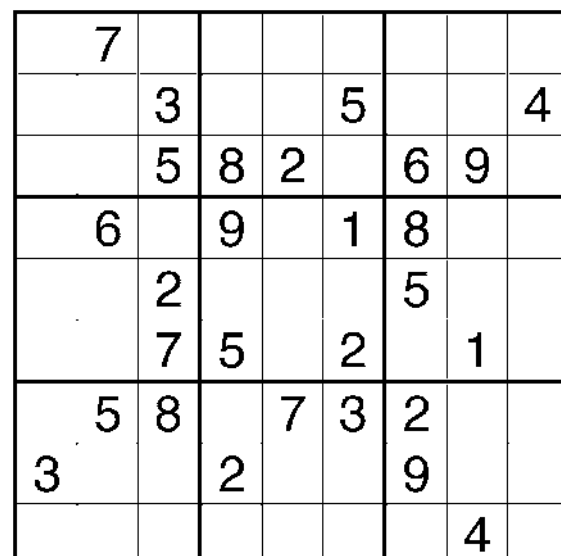
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on helping others. What you do will help you advance. Don't limit what you can do due to a lack of confidence. If you want something, say so, and show everyone what you can accomplish. Romance is featured.

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, resourceful and imaginative. You are dedicated and thorough. **☾:** Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. **☼:** You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. **☼☼:** Focus and you'll reach your goals. **☼☼☼:** Aim high; start new projects. **☼☼☼☼:** Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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By Dave Green



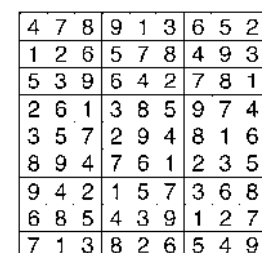
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Embiid hits winning 3 in OT, 76ers beat Raptors for 3-0 lead

TORONTO (AP)— After pushing the Toronto Raptors to the brink of elimination, Philadelphia's Joel Embiid pledged to finish the job as quickly as possible.

Embiid made a 3-pointer with 0.8 seconds left in overtime to give the 76ers a 104-101 victory on Wednesday night and a 3-0 lead in their first-round series.

"I'm coming for the sweep, too," Embiid told rapper Drake as he passed the Raptors' celebrity fan on his way off the floor.

"I'll be there," Drake replied about Game 4, which is set for Saturday afternoon in Toronto.

After 76ers coach Doc Rivers called timeout to save the possession as the shot clock was running down, Embiid took an inbounds pass from Danny Green and hit a turnaround shot from near the sideline before running back to his bench in celebration.

"Great play call," Embiid said. "Tobias set an amazing screen, Danny threw a great pass. All I had to do was finish, and I'm glad I did."

"It felt great but the job's not done," Embiid added. "We've got to get one more."

Embiid's shot came from near the spot where he missed a 3 at the end of regulation that could have won the game for the 76ers.

"For him, that's a high-percentage shot, especially on that wing," Harris said of Embiid's decisive basket. "We got the ball to our best player, somebody who makes plays, makes shots."

Toronto's OG Anunoby couldn't get a shot off before the buzzer.

Embiid wouldn't admit it, but all series he has seemed intent on avenging Philadelphia's second-round defeat to Toronto in the 2019 playoffs, when Kawhi Leonard hit the game-winning shot in Game 7.

"Me and Joel have talked about that," Harris said. "We understand coming to this arena, what happened to us last time we were here."

While the subject may have come up before the playoffs, Embiid insisted it's not on his mind right now.

"During this whole series I haven't really thought about coming in here and trying to get my revenge," he said. "I think I'm more focused on trying to win the whole thing."

Embiid had 33 points and 13 rebounds, helping the 76ers rally from a 17-point deficit. James Harden had 19 points and 10 assists before fouling out in the closing seconds of regulation.

Embiid heard boos from the sellout crowd of 19,800 ev-



Toronto Raptors forward OG Anunoby (3) walks away as Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid (21) celebrates the 76ers' overtime win with forward Tobias Harris (12) in Game 3 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in Toronto.

ery time he touched the ball, and was targeted by profane chants at times, but stepped up when it mattered most.

"We've been watching his skill set all year long and how great he's been," Harden said. "Tonight was no different. He did all the right things, and when it was time for him to finish the game off, he did that."

Tyrese Maxey scored 19 points and Tobias Harris had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Sixers, who can complete the sweep Saturday.

"We're playing for our pride," Toronto guard Fred VanVleet said. "Pride is on the line."

Anunoby scored 26 points, Gary Trent Jr. had a playoff-high 24, and Precious Achiuwa had 20 for the Raptors.

Pascal Siakam and VanVleet each had 12 points. VanVleet shot 3 for 13, going 2 for 10 from 3-point range.

"There's no room to look around and feel sorry for ourselves," VanVleet said. "We did a lot of good things tonight, we played a lot of minutes of great basketball and we're going to have to do it again."

Philadelphia never held a lead in regulation, finally grabbing a 99-97 edge on Maxey's shot with 3:27 left in overtime.

"It took us all game to take the lead," Maxey said. "When we got it, we didn't keep it, but we won so it's all good."

Anunoby's 3 briefly put Toronto back on top, but Embiid's basket with 2:36 left made it 101-100 for the Sixers.

Embiid fouled Anunoby with 26 seconds left, and the Toronto forward made the first but missed the second, knotting it at 101-all.

Embiid shot 2 for 5 and scored five points in the first half but broke through with 18 points in the third.

Raptors rookie Scottie Barnes sat for the second straight game because of the sprained left ankle that knocked him out of Game 1. Toronto coach Nick Nurse said Barnes is making progress and could return Saturday.

The 76ers, who shot at least 30 free throws in each of the first two games of the series, went 15 for 20 from the line in Game 3, with Embiid making six of nine attempts.

Trent was limited to 10 minutes of action in Game 2 because of illness, and didn't play in the second half Monday. After battling a fever and losing almost eight pounds, Trent played 45 minutes Wednesday, shooting 9 for 19.

"Just trying to push through," Trent said.

Ahead 75-74 through three quarters, Toronto held a 95-90 lead on Achiuwa's basket with 2:03 left.

Maxey scored to make it a three-point game, and Anunoby was called for goaltending on Harden's shot with 1:14 left, cutting it to 95-94. After missing at one end, VanVleet fouled Harden with 49 seconds to play, but the Sixers guard missed his first shot before tying it 95-all with his second.

Harden fouled out with 27 seconds left, sending Achiuwa to the line, but the Toronto forward missed both shots.

Philadelphia had two chances to win it in regulation, but Embiid missed a 3 and Harris couldn't convert after grabbing the rebound.

Celtics 114, Nets 107

In Boston, Jaylen Brown scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and Boston overcame a 17-point deficit to beat Brooklyn for a 2-0 series lead.

Jayson Tatum added 19 points for the Celtics, who

held Kevin Durant without a basket in the second half. Al Horford scored 16 points, Daniel Theis had 15 and Payton Pritchard scored eight of his 10 in the final period.

Durant finished with 27 points but struggled from the field for the second straight game, shooting 4 of 17. Kyrie Irving had just 10 points on 4-of-13 shooting a day after being fined \$50,000 for directing obscene gestures and profane language at Celtics fans during Game 1.

The series shifts to Brooklyn for Game 3 on Saturday night.

Bulls 114, Bucks 110

In Milwaukee, DeMar DeRozan scored a career playoff-high 41 points and Chicago outlasted defending champion

Milwaukee in Game 2 to tie the series.

Nikola Vucevic added 24 points and 13 rebounds, and Zach LaVine had 20 points as the Bulls beat the Bucks for just the second time in their last 19 meetings. Game 3 is Friday night in Chicago.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 33 points, 18 rebounds and nine assists for Milwaukee. He increased his career postseason point total to 1,715 to overtake Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1,692) for the most in Bucks history.

Brook Lopez added 25 points for the Bucks. Bobby Portis left with a right eye abrasion after the first quarter, and Khris Middleton exited with a sore left knee after slipping midway through the fourth quarter.

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Cabrera reaches 2,999 career hits; Yankees beat Tigers, 5-3



DETROIT
(AP)—Miguel Cabrera had

three hits to move one shy of 3,000 in the Detroit Tigers' 5-3 loss to the New York Yankees on Wednesday night at chilly Comerica Park.

Cabrera beat out an infield hit in the second inning and singled up the middle in the fourth against Luis Severino, then grounded a single through the shortstop hole in the sixth off Chad Green (1-1).

The 39-year-old Cabrera struck out on a 1-2 sinker in the eighth.

Green (1-1) allowed Harold Castro's two-run double in the sixth that tied the score 3-3, but Josh Donaldson walked against Drew Hutchison (0-1) leading off the seventh, and pinch-runner Tim Lincecum reached third when Gleyber Torres sacrificed and Hutchison threw the ball wildly past second for an error. Isiah Kiner-Falefa lined the next pitch to center for a 4-3 lead.

DJ LeMahieu hit into a run-scoring forceout in the eighth as Anthony Rizzo (homer, double, 2 RBIS) beat first baseman Spencer Torkelson's throw home, and Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his third save.

Angels 6, Astros 0

In Houston, two-way star Shohei Ohtani pitched perfect ball into the sixth inning, tied a career-best with 12 strikeouts and also had two hits and two RBIs to lead Los Angeles over Houston.

Ohtani (1-2) didn't allow a baserunner until Jason Castro lined a single to center field with one out in the sixth, Houston's only hit in the game. He struck out six in a row at one point.

The reigning AL MVP made history before taking the mound. He batted twice in a six-run first inning as the Angels sent 10 to the plate, becoming the first starting pitcher since at least 1900 to bat twice in the first before throwing a pitch, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The Angels immediately jumped on Jake Odorizzi (0-2). Ohtani drew a leadoff walk and the first five batters reached, putting Los Angeles up 2-0 before Odorizzi recorded an out.

Angels reliever Ryan Tepera struck out two in two perfect innings and Raisel Iglesias had a strikeout in the ninth to complete the one-hitter.

Brandon Marsh added two hits and drove in a run as the Angels played a third straight game minus star Mike Trout, who was out with a

bruised left hand after being plunked Sunday.

Dodgers 5, Braves 1

In Los Angeles, Tony Gonsolin tossed six shutout innings, Freddie Freeman hit a two-run homer in the first and Los Angeles beat Atlanta to take two of three from the defending World Series champions.

The only hit allowed by Gonsolin was Manny Piña's slow bouncer to the right side leading off the sixth.

Gonsolin (1-0) went six shutout innings for the third time in his big league career and first in two years, and Freeman went 3 of 4 against his former team.

Charlie Morton (1-2) gave up four runs, six hits and three walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Padres 6, Reds 0

In San Diego, left fielder Jurickson Profar threw out Joey Votto at home and then hit a two-run homer as Cincinnati lost its ninth straight for its longest skid in five years.

Profar's homer in the fourth inning gave rookie MacKenzie Gore (1-0) all the backing he needed for his first big league win, in his second start.

Machado was hit by a pitch on the left shoulder by Vladimir Gutiérrez (0-3) leading off the fourth. On Tuesday night, Reds catcher Tyler Stephenson was knocked out of the game on a hard slide by Luke Voit. Some Reds players felt it was a dirty play by Voit and Tommy Pham, who played for the Padres the last two seasons, said he wanted to fight the Padres' DH.

Phillies 9, Rockies 6

In Denver, Johan Camargo had four hits, including a three-run homer in a five-run seventh inning as Philadelphia stopoed a three-game losing streak.

Kyle Schwarber added a rare homer into the right field third deck at Coors Field, and Nick Castellanos and Alec Bohm also went deep.

Lucas Gilbreath forced in the tiebreaking run when he hit Schwarber with a pitch with the bases loaded. Jhoulys Chacin (2-1) allowed a walk and two singles in the fifth. Brad Hand (1-0) got the final out of the sixth and Corey Knebel got the three outs for his second save.

Brewers 4, Pirates 2

In Milwaukee, Brandon Woodruff (2-1) allowed one hit in six scoreless innings with nine strikeouts, Rowdy Tellez homered for the second straight day and Milwaukee completed a three-game sweep and extended its winning streak to four.



Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera singles against the New York Yankees in the second inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Josh Hader earned his sixth save in six tries. Tellez hit a go-ahead homer in the second off Mitch Keller (0-3).

Guardians 11, White Sox 1, 1st game Guardians 2, White Sox 1, 2nd game

In Cleveland, José Ramírez hit his second grand slam of the season in the opener, then had an RBI double in the nightcap as Cleveland swept a doubleheader from Chicago.

In the second game, former Tigers and Blue Jays outfielder Anthony Gose (1-0) retired all five batters he faced, striking out four, for his first big league victory. Triston McKenzie allowed one run in 4 1/3 innings before giving way to Gose.

Ramírez and Oscar Mercado had RBI doubles off White Sox starter Jimmy Lambert (0-2). Emmanuel Clase worked a 1-2-3 ninth for Cleveland's first save this season.

In the opener, Ramírez hit his grand slam during a nine-run second inning.

Cleveland won at home for the first time with its new name. The Guardians had lost their first three at Progressive Field this season.

The Guardians got eight straight hits off Dallas Keuchel (1-1), who allowed a career-high 10 runs and 10 hits while getting three outs.

Chicago made four errors in the first two innings — three by All-Star shortstop Tim Anderson.

Shane Bieber (1-0) won for the first time since June 8, 2021, allowing one run and four hits in six innings.

Orioles 1, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Jordan Lyles struck out six and walked one over five scoreless innings, allowing five

hits for his first victory with Baltimore.

Ryan McKenna scored Baltimore's only run on a fielding error by Oakland shortstop Elvis Andrus in the fifth inning. Jorge López earned his second save.

Lyles (1-1) outdueled A's right-hander Daulton Jefferies (1-2), who allowed three hits and just that unearned run, struck out five and didn't walk a batter in six sparkling innings.

Rays 8, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Francisco Mejia homered and drove in three runs as Tampa Bay beat Chicago in a game called after 5 1/2 innings due to rain.

Josh Lowe had a triple, double and RBI as Tampa Bay (7-6) climbed back over .500 with its third win in four games. Randy Arozarena, Wander Franco and Kevin Kiermaier doubled in runs.

Frank Schwindel drove in a run with a double and Nick Madrigal had an RBI as the Cubs dropped their second straight to Tampa Bay. Rookie Seiya Suzuki walked in the fifth to reach base for the 12th straight game at the start of his career, breaking a team record held by Art Williams in 1902 and Tony Taylor in 1958.

Marcus Stroman (0-2) allowed eight runs, seven earned, and was tagged for eight hits, including five for extra bases, while striking out seven and walking two.

Rays starter Drew Rasmussen allowed two runs on four hits in three innings. Jalen Beeks (1-0) followed, allowing no hits, walking one and fanning two in two innings.

Cardinals 2, Marlins 0

In Miami, Nolan Arenado hit

a two-run home run in the top of ninth inning to give St. Louis its ninth straight win over Miami.

Arenado had struck out in his first three at-bats before launching a fastball from Miami reliever Anthony Bender (0-2) over the wall in left-center for his fifth home run., driving in Tyler O'Neill.

Genesis Cabrera (1-0) pitched the bottom of the eighth and Giovanni Gallegos worked around a single and walk in the ninth for his third save.

Starters Sandy Alcantara of Miami and Miles Mikolas of St. Louis combined to throw 13 scoreless innings in their outings.

Diamondbacks 11, Nationals 2

In Washington, Seth Beer's three hits and three RBIs propelled Arizona past Washington after a pregame parachuting display caused a scare at the nearby U.S. Capitol.

The Diamondbacks spread out 10 hits, with at least one apiece for seven of the nine players in the starting lineup; the other two each drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Giants 5, Mets 2

In New York, Brandon Belt homered on his birthday, newcomer Carlos Rodón overpowered once again and San Francisco beat the Mets with New York manager Buck Showalter out for a medical procedure.

Belt led an early barrage against Mets starter Chris Bassitt (2-1), and Rodón and four relievers made it stand.

Rodón (2-0) struck out eight over five scoreless innings and limited New York to three hits and two walks on 95 pitches. Jake McGee converted his second save.

The 65-year-old Showalter expects to rejoin the team Thursday after an undisclosed procedure.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 1

In Boston, Raimel Tapia hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in a five-run second inning for his first RBIs this season, and Toronto beat Boston.

José Berríos (1-0) won for the first time in three starts this season, allowing one run and eight hits in six innings with six strikeouts and one walk. Left-hander Tim Mayza got two outs while allowing two hits, and right-handers Trevor Richards and Julian Merryweather combined for 2 1/3 hitless innings.

Nick Pivetta (0-3) gave up five runs, seven hits and four walks in four innings. He failed to reach the fifth inning for his second straight start.

Royals 2, Twins 0

In Kansas City, Mo., Daniel Lynch allowed four hits while pitching into the sixth inning and the stingy Kansas City bullpen shut out Minnesota the rest of the way.

Lynch (1-1) bounced back from a dismal season debut to win a pitchers' duel against Chris Paddack (0-2) and the equally stout Minnesota bullpen.

Lynch never allowed a runner to reach third. Collin Snider, Jake Brentz and Josh Staumont got the lead to Scott Barlow, who earned his first save of the season.

The Royals scored in the first when Bobby Witt Jr. grounded into a double play and Whit Merrifield scampered home from third. Kansas City strung together three singles in the fifth for its other run.

Mariners 4, Rangers 2

In Seattle, Logan Gilbert pitched 6 2/3 scoreless innings and Adam Frazier doubled twice on a three-hit night to lead COVID-hit Seattle over Texas and send the Rangers to their worst start since 1987.

Seattle was missing manager Scott Servais, third-base coach Manny Acta and assistant coach Andy Bisell along with right fielder Mitch Haniger, catcher Luis Torrens and reliever Paul Sewald due to positive COVID-19 tests.

The Mariners have won six of seven and improved to 7-5. Texas has lost five straight and seven of eight. The Rangers, who turned a triple play in the first inning, are off to a 2-9 start that is their worst since opening 1-10 in 1987.

Texas has lost seven straight to the Mariners and 18 of its last 20 at Seattle.

Lakhan confident in NMI’s ability to host successful Mini Games

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Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan is confident that the CNMI will be able to successfully host the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 after completing yesterday a short three-day trip to assess the islands’ preparedness for the quadrennial event set from June 17 to 25 this year.

Lakhan, who was joined on the trip by Pacific Games Council executive director Andrew Minogue, said the Northern Marianas Sports Association and the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee have acquitted themselves well given the challenges brought about by COVID-19 and postponement due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

“The last three days we took the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the competition managers and the venue managers and at the end of it, we are very confident that with the Games being less than 60 days away the place they’re in as far as we are concerned we’re very, very confident,” he said during yesterday’s press conference at the NMSA conference room inside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lakhan added that what impressed him the most is the competency of the people he was able to talk to.



Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan, second from left, is joined in the press conference at the NMSA conference room yesterday by, from left, Pacific Games Council executive director Andrew Minogue, Northern Marianas Sports Association president Jerry Tan, and Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee chair Marco Peter.

“In my meetings I found that the people involved and those in charge of organizing the various competitions in the different sports are fairly knowledgeable. They appreciate what they have to do and now they appreciate the urgency of having some of the things done. Admittedly there are one or two concerns about venues,” he said.

The two venues he alluded to are the Oleai track and field and the Francisco “Tanko”

M. Palacios Baseball Field, which are both undergoing major facelifts and will be out of commission until the end of May.

“It’s not to say there are no areas that they need to work on to ensure that come 17th of June we will be fully ready to start the Games. This afternoon we had a session with the games organizing committee and some of the members of the sports [that will be played in the Games]

and we advised them about some of the areas of concern and told them they’re not major, but we can’t leave them for another day. They’ve been advised that they need to do and if necessary start working overtime.”

While Minogue was able to tour the venues for baseball, badminton, and athletics (Oleai Sports Complex), golf (Coral Ocean Point Resort), *va’a* (waters off 13 Fishermen Monument), beach volleyball (Crowne Plaza Resort), tennis (American Memorial Park and

Pacific Islands Club Saipan), and weightlifting (Marianas High School Gymnasium), he and Lakhan weren’t able to travel to Rota (triathlon) and Tinian (beach volleyball consolation matches) due to time constraints.

Lakhan, however, was assured by the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association and the Triathlon Association of the CNMI that work on the sports venues there are progressing.

The Pacific Games Council president also said that

the organizing committee and NMSA are also fortunate that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is completely onboard to the CNMI’s successful hosting of the Mini Games

“You are very, very fortunate that you have a governor who is fully committed to support the Games to the hilt. He has committed himself and his government to support the games organizing committee and NMSA to ensure that we have an excellent Games in six or seven weeks’ time. It’s appreciated and we keep telling the members of the games organizing committee that they’re not doing it for themselves but they’re doing it for their [islands] and they’re aware that they need to put on an excellent Games that will make the people and the islands proud of their achievement.”

He added that the Pacific Games Council has no doubt that the CNMI will succeed in giving them a memorable Mini Games.

“The Games Council on our part is doing whatever we can to impart all are knowledge and experience to these guys who are organizing the Games for the first time and pointing them toward the right direction and ensuring that in the little time they have available they’ll overcome all the errors and shortcomings and be fully prepared to host the Games.”

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said after accepting his NMSA Hall of Fame plaque.

Pua used to play for the fabled Oleai softball team that captured multiple championships in the women’s league from the 1960s to 1970s. She played catcher for Oleai and is acknowledged as an outstanding hitter with a batting average of .600. She won the batting title in the 1975 season with an average of .680. Those feats were more than enough to assure her induction to the NMSA Hall of Fame.

“I would just like to thank my coach Kurt Barnes for nominating me and the board for choosing me for this very special award. I’m very thankful and honored. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart,” she said in a video recording shown during the 2021 NMSA Annual Sports Banquet.

Garcia distinguished himself with numerous outstanding achievements in the late 1990s to the early 2000s with baseball as well as basketball. From 1999 to 2006, he played in the Saipan Major League for the Brewers which was managed by fellow Hall of

Famer Tony Rogolifoi. He won the SML In-field of the Year award in 2006; the playoff and championship MVPs in 2006; was an SML All-Star selection in 2006; played in the 2002 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei where the NMI won a silver medal; in the 2005 Mini South Pacific Games, Palau; in the 2006 Micronesian Games where the NMI won gold; and in 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau where the team took silver. From 2001 to 2006, he coached in the Saipan Little League program and was named coach of the year for the Junior League and coached the Senior League All-Stars.

“I just want to thank NMSA for electing me to the Hall of Fame Class of 2022. Unfortunately, I can’t be there personally but I’m humbled and honored for receiving this award. To my fellow inductees congratulations but this award wasn’t something I accomplished by myself,” he said in a video message from his Las Vegas home.

Garcia added there are a few people he wanted to thank and share his NMSA Hall of Fame award with.

“To my family and friends, to my wife who’s always been supportive of me, to my chil-

dren they keep me young. To my mentors, Tony Satur, Tony Rogolifoi, Rufino Aguon, and the late Jess Wabol, they mentored me growing up and I’ve always looked up to them. And to my idols who I kind of molded my game after I watched them growing up and observed what they’re doing and took some pieces of their game and put them into mine, Tony Camacho, Phil Celis Jr., just to name a few... I was never the biggest, the fastest, and strongest kid but I worked my butt off to get better in what I do. I think if you put your mind to it, you work hard, and you do good. I just wanna be remembered as someone who had passion for the game and more than willing to give back to the younger generation to help them improve their game,” he said.

Administrator of the Year

Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation president James Lee also took home the coveted NMSA Administrator of the Year award during the 2021 NMSA Annual Sports Banquet.

Under his leadership, the CNMI’s basketball federation made significant strides in

2021, which includes securing a corporate sponsorship for the first time for the five divisions of the PSS interscholastic basketball league, the establishment of “Bola” or the Mini Basketball Village Outreach Program, and securing multiple grants from FIBA Oceania for equipment and the growth of various programs such as “Bola,” Elite Women’s Program, and “Her World, Her Rules” Youth Girls Camp.

Lee was also selected as a representative for the FIBA Rising Coach Program and helped establish the first ever NMI senior and junior national basketball programs. He also introduced the Educational Tax Credit program to assist NMSA and other federations in gaining more funding sources for operations and competitions. To add to his numerous roles of leadership, he is also the strength and conditioning coach for all NMIBF national athletes and a member of the NMI National Outrigger Canoe Team.

In accepting the award, the MARPAC sales manager said his long list of achievements wouldn’t have been possible without the help of NMIBF’s board of directors and coaches.

“I wasn’t really expecting

this so thank you so much. Everything that the basketball federation has accomplished within a year wasn’t just by me alone. It took teamwork and I’d really want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank them. My starting five Dave (Apatang), Marlene (Lumabi), Roselyn (Monroyo), Lia (Rangamar), Ethan (Kwon), Keith (Nabors), and of course Clint (Albert). Our sixth man national coach Joe Diaz, coach Cathy Toves, our athletes who have been there since Day 1 and giving me all they got from training in the morning to helping out with all the programs. Team managers all our supporters and guidance from them, to my mentors Jerry Tan and Tan Siu Lin Foundation, coach Eli (Rangamar), players’ parents as well, and last and not the least my wife, my personal MVP... thank you for always being there,” he said.

Each NMSA Hall of Fame inductee and the NMSA Administrator of the Year winner received a \$100 shopping spree at I-Shop courtesy of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

The winner of the 2021 NMSA Team of the Year will be published in next week’s issue of *Saipan Tribune*.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	5	.583	—
Toronto	7	5	.583	—
Tampa Bay	7	6	.538	½
Boston	6	6	.500	1
Baltimore	4	8	.333	3

Central Division

Chicago	6	5	.545	—
Cleveland	6	5	.545	—
Kansas City	5	5	.500	½
Detroit	4	7	.364	2
Minnesota	4	8	.333	2½

West Division

Los Angeles	8	5	.615	—
Seattle	7	5	.583	½
Oakland	7	6	.538	1
Houston	6	6	.500	1½
Texas	2	9	.182	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	9	4	.692	—
Atlanta	6	8	.429	3½
Washington	6	8	.429	3½
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	4
Miami	4	7	.364	4

Central Division

St. Louis	7	3	.700	—
Milwaukee	8	5	.615	½
Chicago	6	6	.500	2
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	3
Cincinnati	2	11	.154	6½

West Division

Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—
Colorado	8	4	.667	1
San Francisco	8	4	.667	1
San Diego	9	5	.643	1
Arizona	4	8	.333	5

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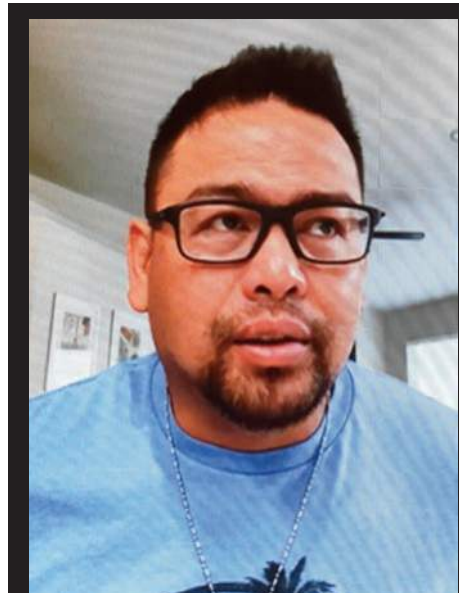
4 enshrined to NMSA Hall of Fame



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For their lifelong contributions to sports in the CNMI, Bob Coldeen, Keith Nabors, Jester Garcia, and Hermina Pua were inducted into the Northern Marianas Sports Association Hall of Fame during the 2021 NMSA Annual Sports Banquet Tuesday evening at the Kensington Hall of Kensington Hotel Saipan.

Of the four, Coldeen and Nabors were able to personally accept their NMSA Hall of Fame plaques, while Garcia and Pua were in the U.S. mainland and sent video messages thanking NMSA and their respective sports federations for the honor.

Coldeen was inducted in the Hall of Fame following a

distinguished 28-year career as sports director of KSPN/MCV. For nearly three decades the University of Florida alumnus documented local sports and brought them into the lives and the homes of nearly everyone in the CNMI.

The now 70-year-old former Peace Corp volunteer, Rota High School teacher, and

PSS federal programs coordinator did so by shooting his own video, writing all his own scripts, and diligently putting all his creativity into each sports newscast.

When not busy being the CNMI's answer to Howard Cosell, Coldeen wrote books and poems, presided, volunteered, cheered, coached, and managed in all manner of sports events. The latter saw him manage many Little League teams to victory in regional tournaments that punched their tickets to the World Series in the U.S. mainland.

To be honest, Coldeen said he never dreamt of being part of the NMSA Hall of Fame and even remembered the time he first reported the genesis of the honor back in the '90s.

"Funny, when I first did a story on the idea of creating this Hall of Fame decades ago, I never thought about joining. To get something you were not trying to get, frankly, blows my mind. All I ever thought about was making the next show as good as I could. This is the highest honor I've received, heartfelt. This award is like an official NMI lifetime stamp of approval. I feel blessed beyond. Truth is, I was just having fun doing what I enjoyed doing," he said.

Coldeen also thanked a handful of people for helping him get the much-deserved honor, first and foremost being Mrs. Coldeen.

"I thank my wife Martha for her bottomless tolerance and understanding. Major credit

goes to Mike Grandinetti and Peter Sinclair for asking me to be MCV's first sportscaster, a dream come true, a life-changing move. Thanks to Tony Rogolifo and Rose Igitol, baseball was a blast, the CNMI's finest moments in my opinion. James Ada and Mike Borja made Little League something to look forward to every year. And the list goes on and on."

All in all, he said he's just happy to have done something he loved and enjoyed and the

NMSA Hall of Fame induction was the cherry on top.

"Bigger than any individual even: this community, it's vibe, cool, casual, with a sense of humor that meshes with mine. In 28 years, about 7,000 shows, and I cannot remember a bad experience. It was all fun and games. That's what the Northern Marianas gave me, a happy and rewarding life for which I am forever grateful," he said.

Nabors, meanwhile, got the nod for enshrinement for his more than 20 years of involvement in every aspect of sports on Tinian. He has men-

tored players in basketball, Little League, softball, baseball, American football, track, and slinging. Nabors also coached the Tinian Junior Senior High School that recently won the interscholastic boys high school basketball league championship for the second straight year.

"Thank you to my family, my sisters, my brothers, my kids—KJ, JD, who is in Delaware, my two younger boys, and especially my wife. Thank you for sticking with me through the hard nights and the late nights. Thank you!" he

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MARK RABAGO
Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation president James Lee makes a short speech after accepting his NMSA Administrator of the Year award during the 2021 NMSA Annual Sports Banquet Tuesday evening at the Kensington Hall of Kensington Hotel Saipan.

